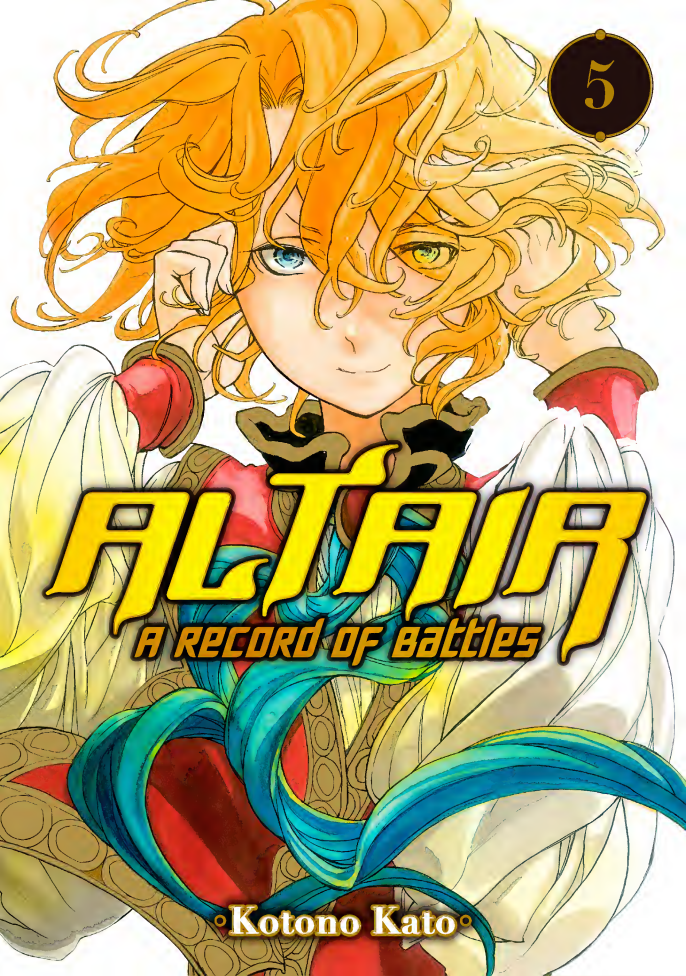




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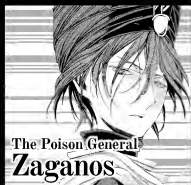
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WORLD & CHARACTER GUIDE OF FALTAIR

Torqye Pashalu



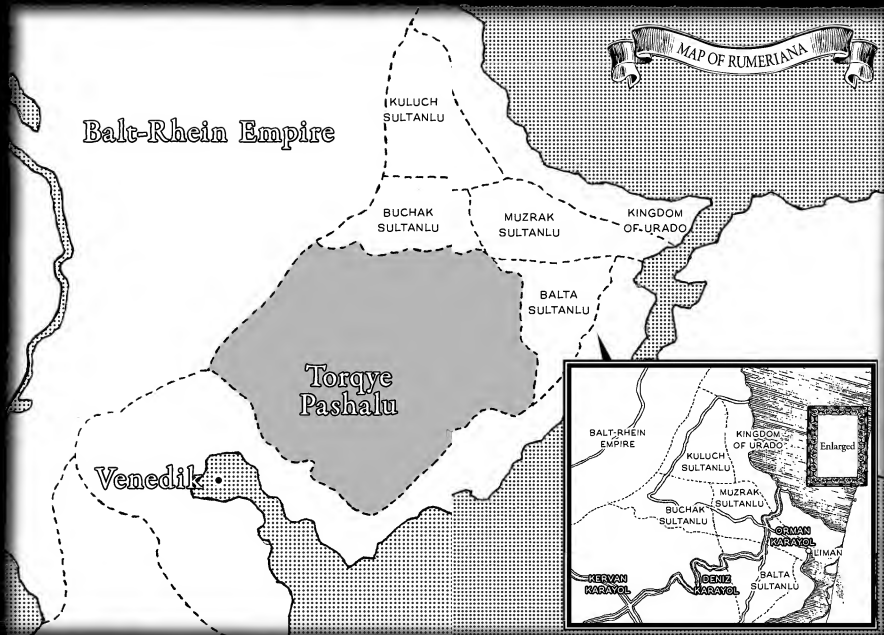
One of the thirteen ruling generals. Idareci of the seventh eyalet.



One of the thirteen ruling generals. Idareci of the first eyalet.



Chief of the Eyes and Ears, Zaganos's personal spy network.



The story until now.

Venedik, the magnificent capital of naval commerce with a network manages to garner the trust of both its shrewd Doge Lucio, as well as Company's private army, to Mahmut's party. Together, they head back the Muzrak Sultanlu. However, unbeknownst to them, a new threat

of information providing the ins and outs of all of Centro. Mahmut Capitan Brega, marked by the addition of Abiriga, head of the Brega to the mainland with their sights set on one of many satellite states, emerges back in Torqye!

Torqye Pashalu



Formerly Torqye's youngest pasha until he was demoted to binbashu.



A spy belonging to the Eyes and Ears. Son of the Kaisaras of Phoinike.



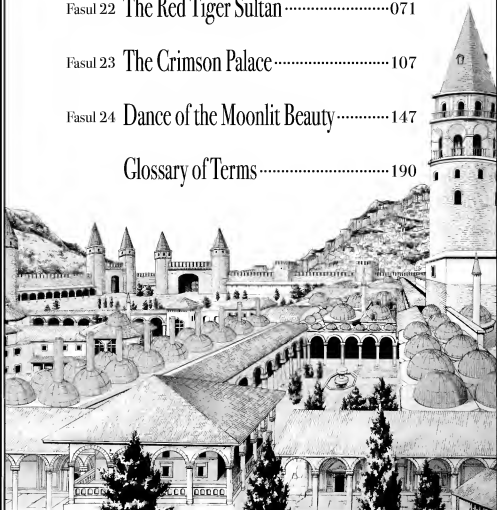
Head of the private army of Venedik's Brega Company.

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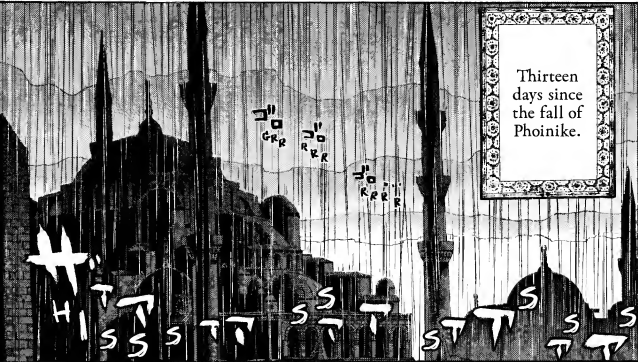


Imperial
Calendar
Year 451,
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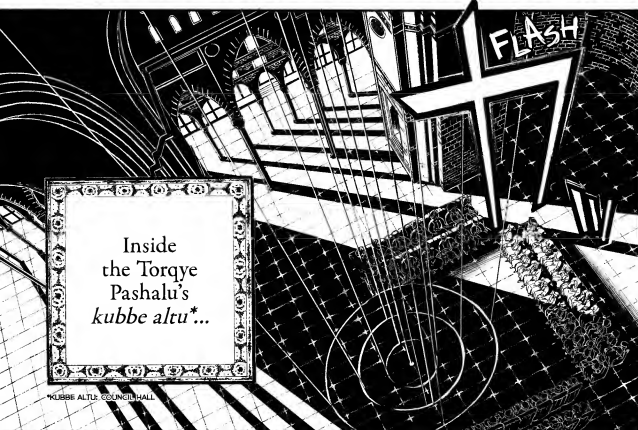


Torqye
Calendar
Year 75,
*Halu** 11.

*HALU: MONTH OF THE CARPET



Thirteen
days since
the fall of
Phoinike.



Inside
the Torqye
Pashalu's
*kubbe altu**...

*KUBBE ALTU: COUNCIL HALL



MUZRAK SULTANLU
Sultan Balaban

In
addition to
the Torqye
Pashalu,

...the
great coun-
cil of gen-
erals, the
Birlik
Torqye
Divan,
con-
vened.

composed
of Muzrak,
Kuluch,
Buchak,
and Balta,

the
leaders of
the Dert
Sultanluk,

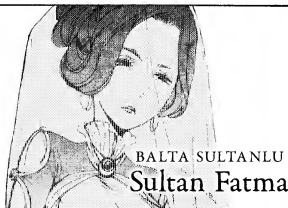


KULUCH SULTANLU
Sultan Selim

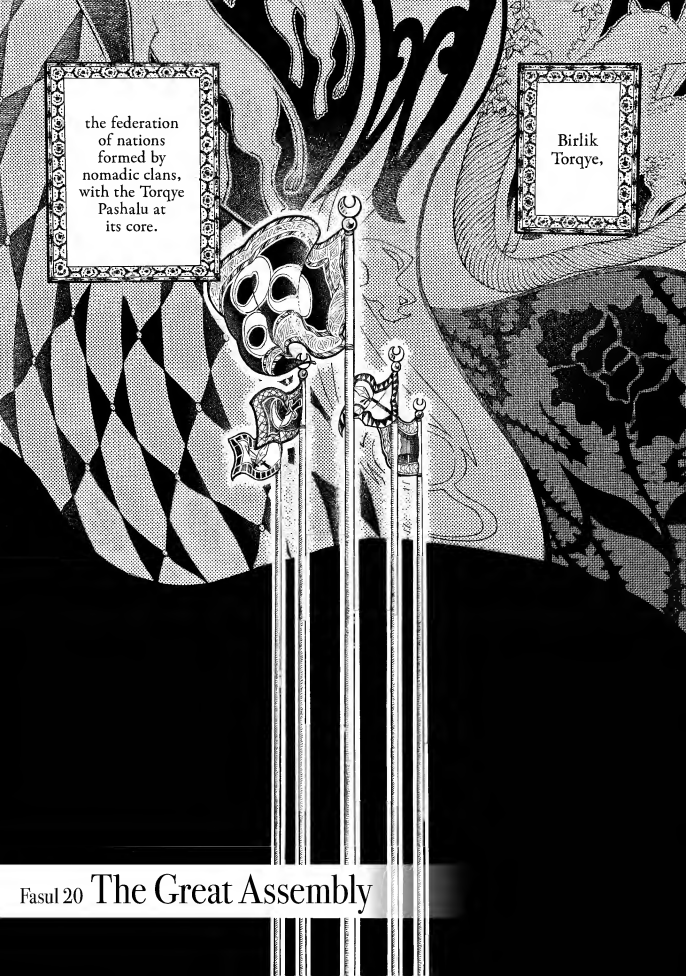
come together
in the only
assembly of
its kind...

BUCHAK SULTANLU
Sultan Uzun

...forming
the greatest
diplomatic
institution
in Birlik
Torqye.

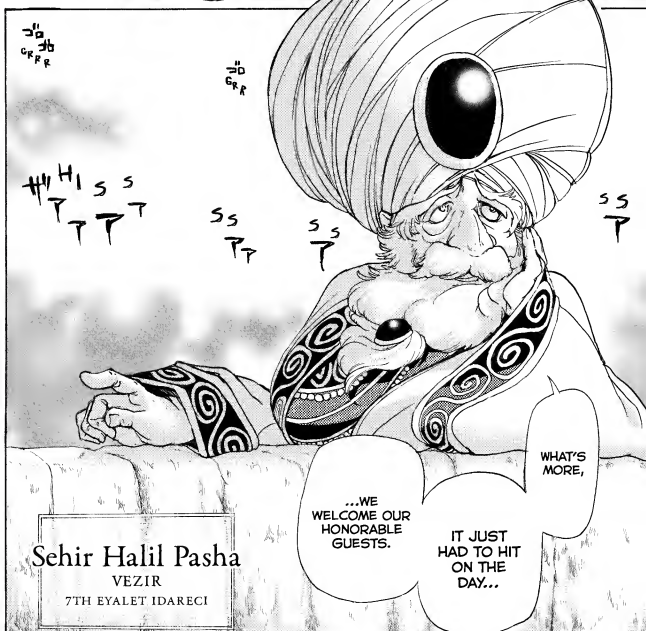


BALTA SULTANLU
Sultan Fatma



the federation
of nations
formed by
nomadic clans,
with the Torqye
Pashalu at
its core.

Birlik
Torqye,





PLEASE
FIX YOUR
POSTURE.

GR
GR

GR
GR

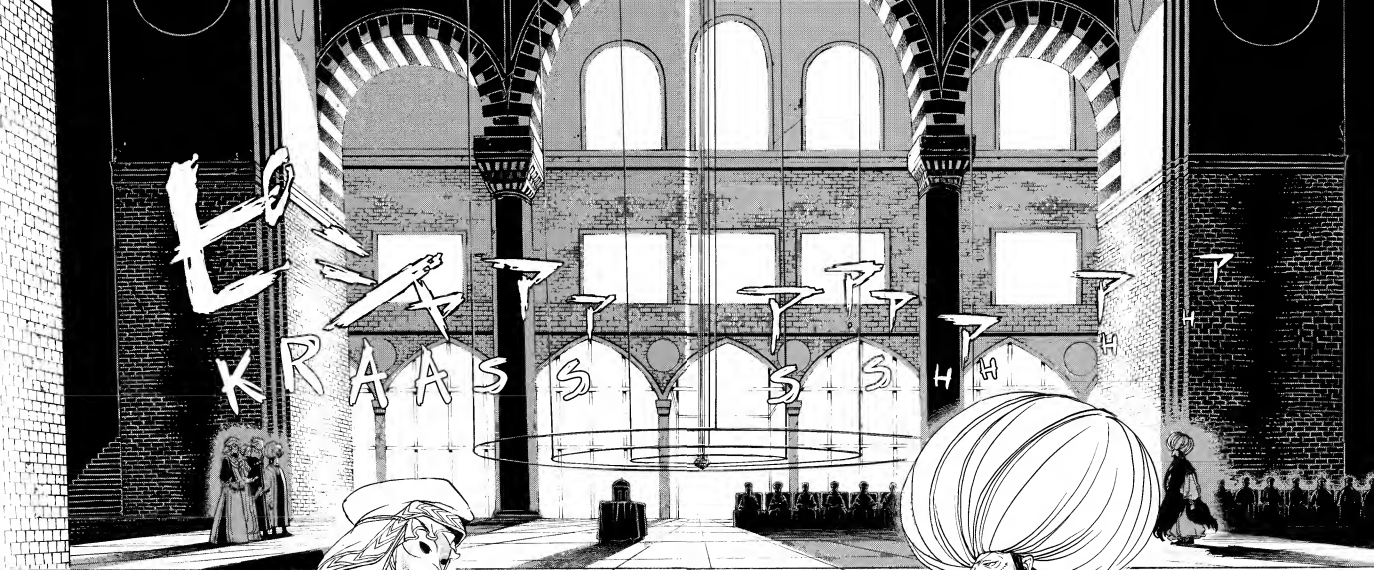
GR
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Zehir Zaganos
Pasha
VEZIR
1ST-EYALET IDARECI

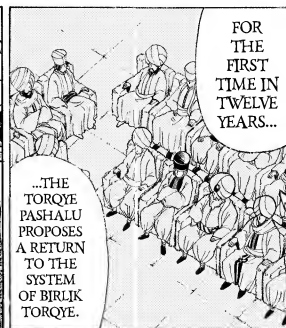


SHUFF

OUR
GUESTS
HAVE
ARRIVED.



WE
WILL NOW
HOLD THE
VOTE.



...THE
TORQYE
PASHALU
PROPOSES
A RETURN
TO THE
SYSTEM
OF BIRLIK
TORQYE.

FOR
THE
FIRST
TIME IN
TWELVE
YEARS...

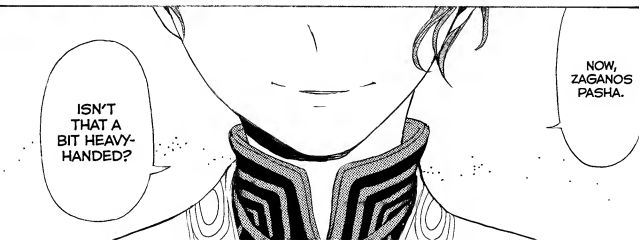


IN
PREPA-
RATION
FOR AN
IMPERIAL
INVASION...



Kara-Kanat
Suleyman

BASHKAN* OF ZAGANOS'S
PERSONAL SPY NETWORK.
THE GYOZ-KULAK





WHEN WE
NOMADIC
TRIBES
TOOK UP THE
STRATO-
CRATIC
SYSTEM,

THE FOUR
CLANS
THAT RULE
THE FOUR
SULTANLU

WERE
EACH GIVEN
THEIR OWN
LAND AND
BECAME
NOBLES
AMONG
NOBLES.

Tesisat-Kapu
Saluja Pasha

VEZIR

3RD EYALET IDARECI

TRUE...

BY
BELIEVING
THEY HAVE A
SAY IN MAJOR
DECISIONS...

IF THEY
CAN KEEP
THEIR
PRIDE

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY WIELD
LITTLE
AUTHORITY,



UPSTARTS
NEVER KNOW
WHEN TO
MIND THEIR
TONGUES...



...THEN I
SUPPOSE
YOU COULD
SAY THIS
PROCEDURE
HAS ITS
USES.



WE
WILL NOW
COUNT THE
BALLOTS.





Balt-Rhein
Empire

Kuluch
Sultanlu

The Torqye
Pashalu, and
the Dert
Sultanluk
to the
northeast.

Buchak
Sultanlu

Muzrak
Sultanlu

Balta
Sultanlu

Torqye
Pashalu

Together,
they form
Birlik
Torqye.

Birlik Torqye

A savage
land home
to roughly
20 nomadic
tribes.

this region
was known
as Torqye
Toprak, or
"Land of
Nomads."

Originally,

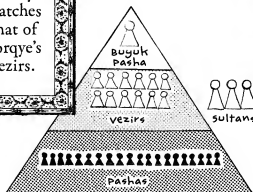
giving rise to a group of satellite states who all shared the same culture.

Fearing backlash, land was allotted to four prominent, strongly independent tribes,

with the founding of Torqye.

Its national borders were first drawn 75 years ago,

...only matches that of Torqye's vezirs.



the sultans' authority...

However,

in the event a vote was split amongst the five nations,

it became convention that as long as Torqye was not part of the majority, the vote would become invalid.

In addition,

The four states apart from Torqye follow a monarchy ruled by hereditary sultans.



the Torqye
Pashalu has
reigned as a
suzerain over
Birlik Torqye
for 75 years.

As
such,



THE EMPIRE
WILL SIMPLY
PASS OVER
THEIR LANDS
PEACEFULLY?

DO
THEY
THINK
THAT IF
THEY
STAND
DOWN

ARE THEY
AFRAID OF
TAKING A
HOSTILE
STANCE
AGAINST
THE EMPIRE?!

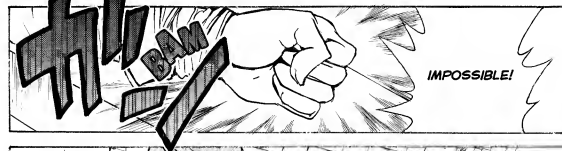


THE
FOLLY OF
MON-
ARCHY
REARS
ITS UGLY
HEAD.

IF
THAT
IS THE
CASE,
THEN
THEY ARE
BEYOND
HELP...

EVEN
A FOOL
OF A
PRINCE

SHALL
BECOME
KING
ONE
DAY.

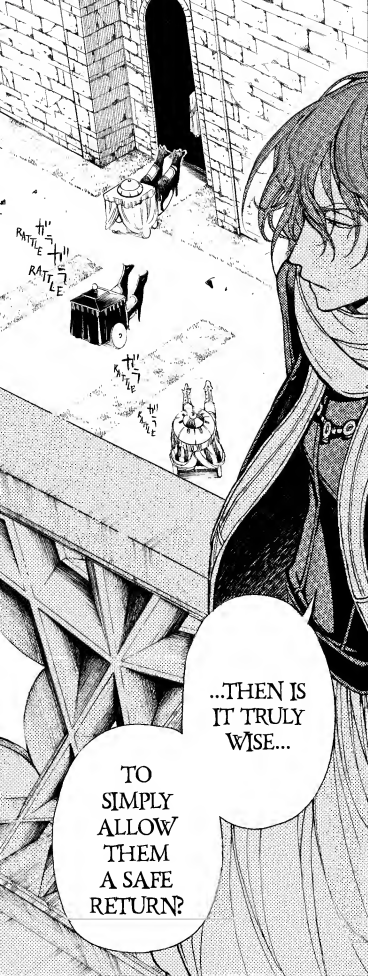


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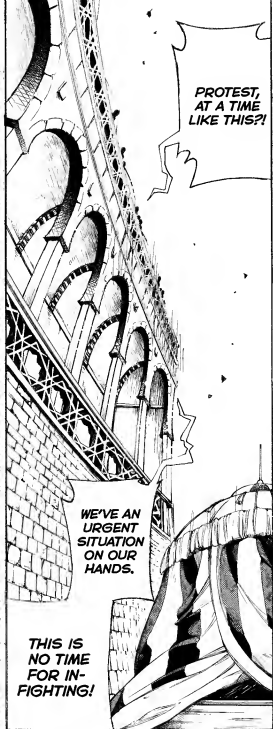
ALL
FOUR
SULTANLU
VOTED
AGAINST
US?!





TO
SIMPLY
ALLOW
THEM
A SAFE
RETURN?

...THEN IS
IT TRULY
WISE...



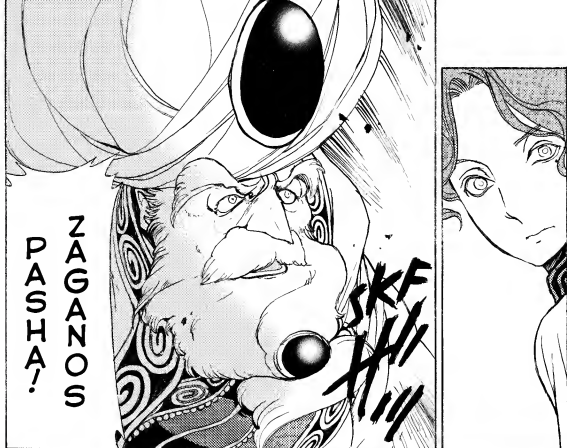
PROTEST,
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS?!

WE'VE AN
URGENT
SITUATION
ON OUR
HANDS.

THIS IS
NO TIME
FOR IN-
FIGHTING!



IF
THAT
IS
SO...

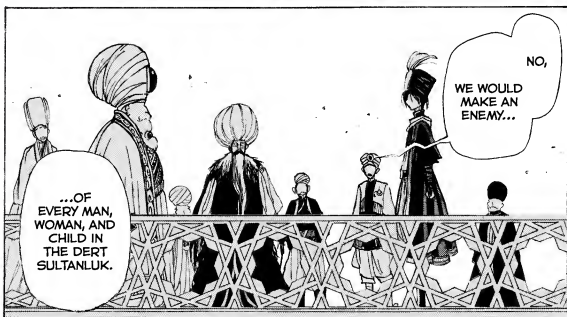


ZAGANOS
PASHA!

SKE
H
H
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THIS WILL
NOT STOP
AT MERE
INFIGHTING.

IF YOU
LAY ONE
FINGER
ON THEM,



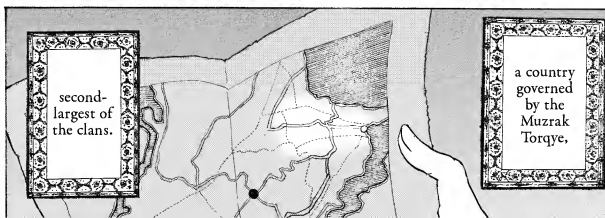
...OF
EVERY MAN,
WOMAN, AND
CHILD IN
THE DERT
SULTANLUK.

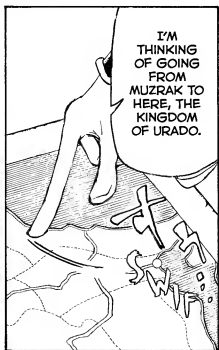
NO,
WE WOULD
MAKE AN
ENEMY...



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H
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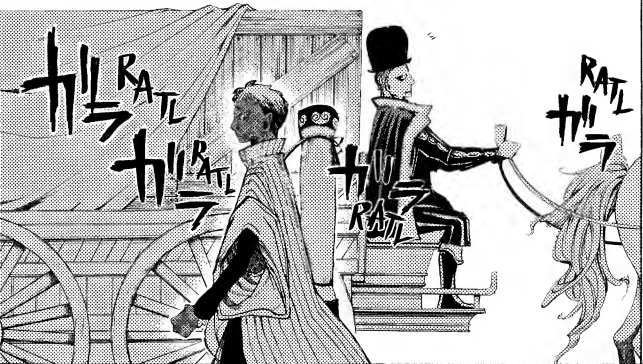






RIGHT.





I'LL
SAY.
HERE
FOR
WORK?

MR.
ABIRI-
GA?
FANCY
MEETING
YOU
HERE!



NO.



IS HE
WITH
THE
BREGA
COMP-
ANY?



HE'S...

A
WEAPONS
DEALER.

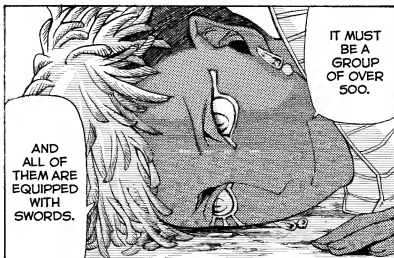


MUZRAK SULTANLU,
LIMAN WATER SHRINE



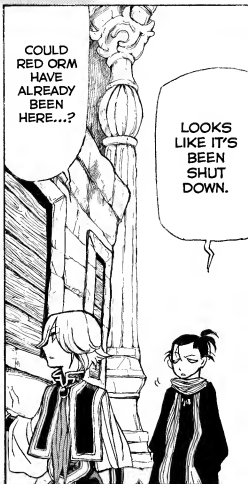
THERE
ARE
DROVES
OF PEOPLE
INSIDE.

NO...
I CAN
HEAR THEM.



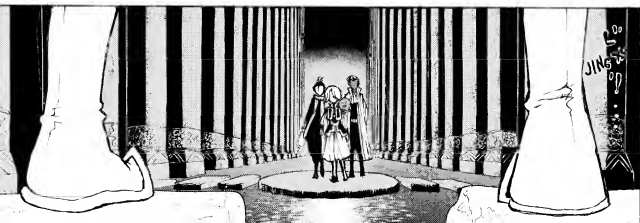
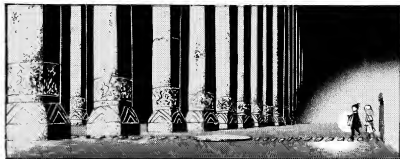
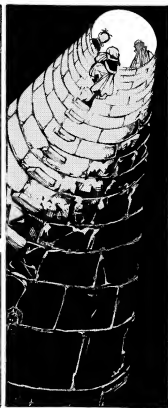
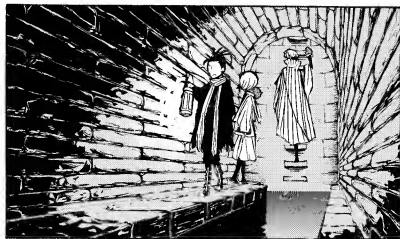
AND
ALL OF
THEM ARE
EQUIPPED
WITH
SWORDS.

IT MUST
BE A
GROUP
OF OVER
500.



COULD
RED ORM
HAVE
ALREADY
BEEN
HERE...?

LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
BEEN
SHUT
DOWN.





WHAT
BUSINESS
DO YOU
HAVE
HERE?



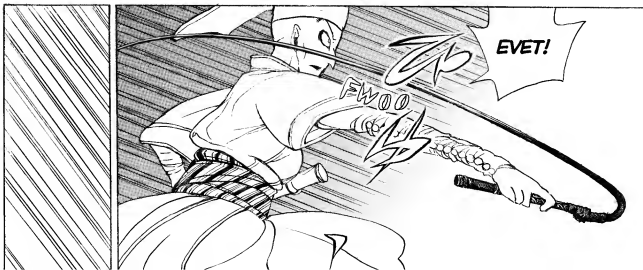
SEIZE
THEM!

SILAH-
TAR...



...TO PRAY
AT THIS
SHRINE, BUT
THE DOOR
WAS CLOSED.

HEY, HEY.
WE CAME
ALL THE
WAY FROM
CENTRO...

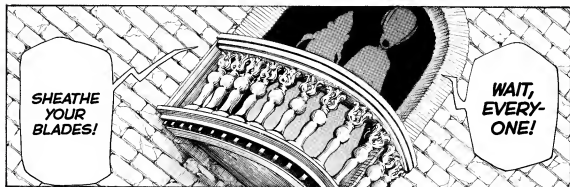


EVET!

FWOO

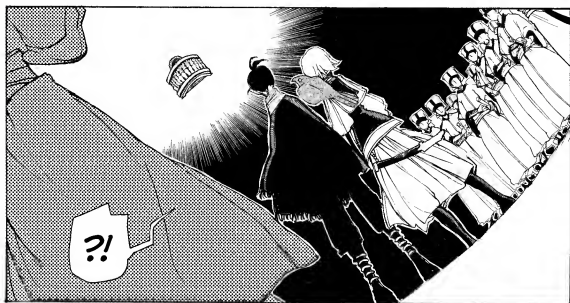




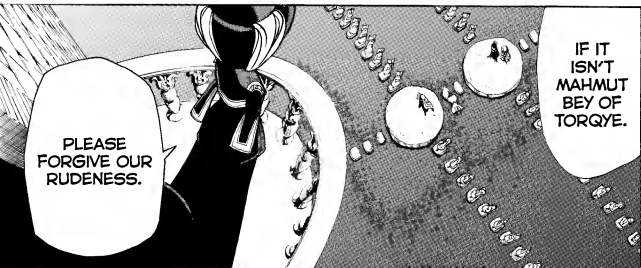


**SHEATHE
YOUR
BLADES!**

**WAIT,
EVERY-
ONE!**



?!



**PLEASE
FORGIVE OUR
RUDENESS.**

**IF IT
ISN'T
MAHMUT
BEY OF
TORQYE.**



SILAHTAR
BEYAZIT.

I
AM THE
BEYOLU*
OF THE
MUZRAK
SULTANLU.

IT IS A
PLEA-
SURE TO
MEET
YOU.



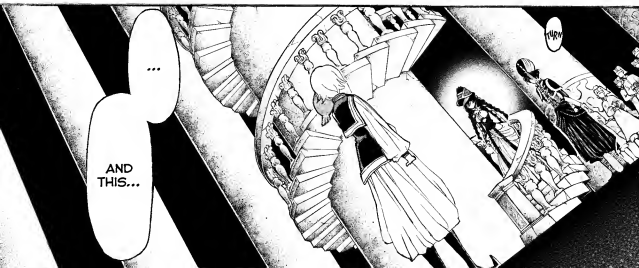
AND
YOUNGER
BROTHER
OF THE
SULTAN.

BEYOLU
OF
MUZRAK,



I AM
SILAHTAR
BEYAZIT,

ALLOW
ME TO RE-
INTRODUCE
MYSELF.



AND
THIS...



...IS THE
SULTAN OF
BALTA'S
DAUGHTER,

PRENSES*
AISHE.

*PRENSES: DIGNITARY





WELL,
WELL...

WHAT?!



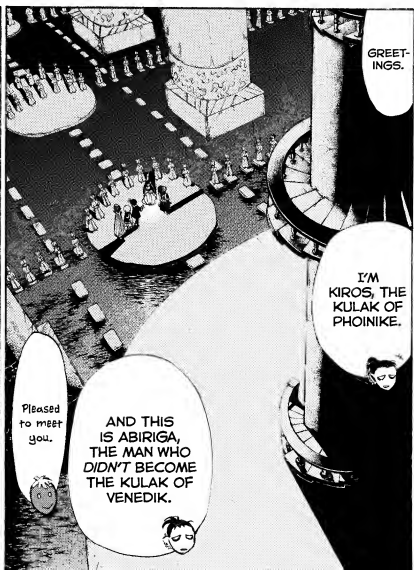
I
ACT...

...AS
THIS
TOWN'S
KULAK.



I SEE.

WE'RE
COL-
LEAGUES,
THEN.



GREET-
INGS.

I'M
KIROS,
THE
KULAK OF
PHOINIKE.

Pleased
to meet
you.

AND THIS
IS ABIRIGA,
THE MAN WHO
DIDN'T BECOME
THE KULAK OF
VENEDIK.



I'VE
HEARD
MANY
RUMORS
ABOUT
YOU.

THE
TORQYE
PASHALU'S
TUGHRIL
MAHMUT
ESKI*
PASHA...

*ESKI: FORMER



HUH?!



PAT

!



THEY
TELL OF
A FOOL-
HARDY,
CHILDISH,
GREEN-
HORN
GENERAL,

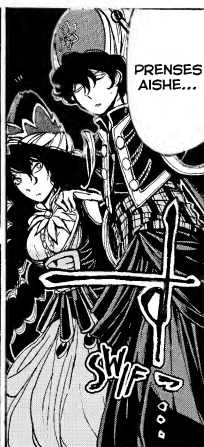
...AND RAN
TO THE AID
OF HIS ONE
SINGLE
FRIEND.

WHO
SHIRKED
HIS DUTY
TO THE
STATE...



SHE KNOWS ONLY WHAT SHE HAS SEEN IN THE PLAYS OF YOU.

PARDON HER, MAHMUT BEY.

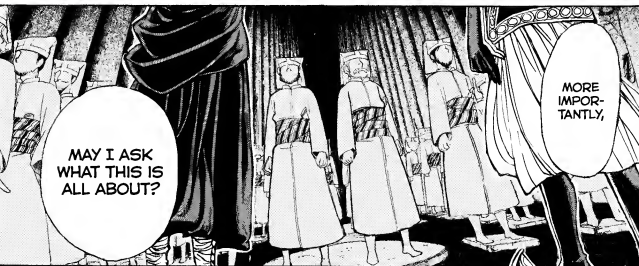


PRENSES AISHE...



NO...

PRENSES'S ASSESSMENT IS QUITE ACCURATE.



MAY I ASK WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?

MORE IMPORTANTLY,

WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?

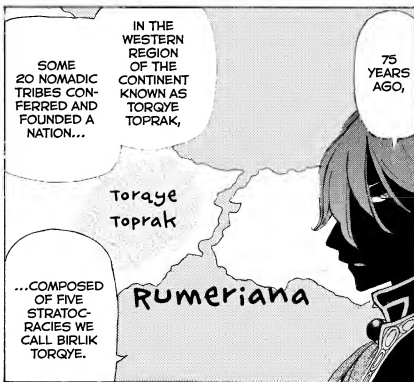
A GOOD QUESTION...



WHAT...?

THE
DERT
SULTAN-
LUK...

OPPOSED
A TRANSITION
TO THE BIRLIK
TORQYE
POLITICAL
SYSTEM?



SOME
20 NOMADIC
TRIBES CON-
FERRED AND
FOUNDED A
NATION...

IN THE
WESTERN
REGION
OF THE
CONTINENT
KNOWN AS
TORQYE
TOPRAK,

75
YEARS
AGO,

Torqye
Toprak

Rumeriana

...COMPOSED
OF FIVE
STRATOC-
RACIES WE
CALL BIRLIK
TORQYE.



...

BIRLIK
TORQYE?

Balt-Rhein
Empire

BEGINNING
WITH THE
FOUNDING OF
THE TORQYE
PASHALU AT
ITS CORE...

FEARING
THE SPREAD
OF IMPERIAL
INFLUENCE
BEYOND ITS
BORDERS, THE
TORQYE CHIEF-
TANS BANDED
TOGETHER AND
DETERMINED
TO OPPOSE
THE EMPIRE.

AFTER
THE
INSUR-
RECTION
IN BALT-
RHEIN
ENDED,

...THEY THEN
LEFT THE FOUR
SULTANLU TO
THE FOUR MOST
PROMINENT
TRIBES AT THE
TIME TO FORM A
SORT OF "REAR
GUARD."

Toraye Pashalu

Birlik
Toraye

Kuluch
sultanlu

Buchak
sultanlu

Muzrak
sultanlu

Balta
sultanlu

I
GETCHA.
SO THE
TRIBES
THEM-
SELVES
WERE
CALLED
TORQYE,
HUH?

THE DERT
SULTANLUK
AND TORQYE
ARE PRETTY
MUCH IN
THE SAME
BOAT, EH?

MEAN-
ING,

THE DERT
SULTANLUK
FUND THEIR
ARMAMENTS
THROUGH
THAT
ECONOMIC
PROTECTION.

SINCE THE
FOUNDING
OF NATIONS,
TORQYE HAS
MINTED ALL THE
CURRENCY THAT
CIRCULATES
THROUGHOUT
BIRLIK TORQYE.

TO MAKE A
MOVE THAT
WOULD THROW
EVERYTHING
OFF-TRACK?

...WHY DO THEY
CHOOSE NOW,
A TIME WHEN
WE SHOULD
UNITE AGAINST
OUR COMMON
ENEMY,

AND
YET...

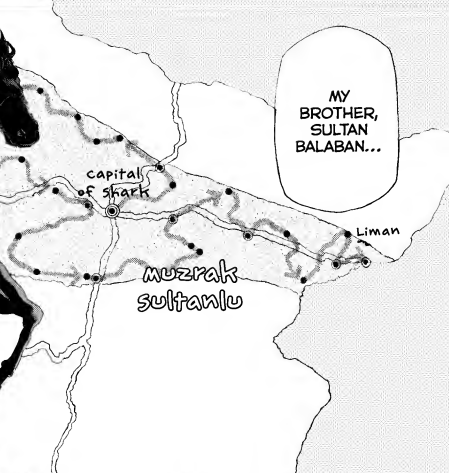


...WOULD
BE BETTER
DIRECTED AT
MY BROTHER.

ANY
FURTHER
INQUI-
RIES...



...IS
CURRENTLY
TOURING
THE MUZRAK
ON A ROYAL
PROGRESS.



MY
BROTHER,
SULTAN
BALABAN...



AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS...?

A
ROYAL
PROG-
RESS?



IS BEING
MADE WITH
THE PURPOSE
OF SURVEYING
ALL LANDS
WITHIN THE
COUNTRY.

BUT
THIS TOUR,



...MEANT TO
FLAUNT THE
SULTAN'S
POWER TO
THE PEOPLE.

TYPICALLY,

IT'S
NOTHING
MORE THAN
A TYPE OF
EXTRA-
VAGANT
FESTIVAL...

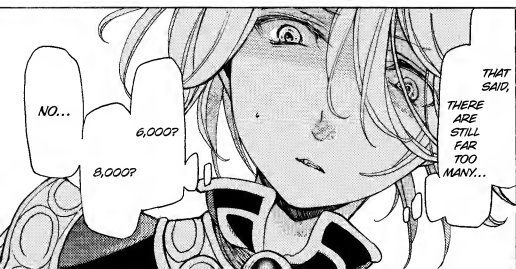
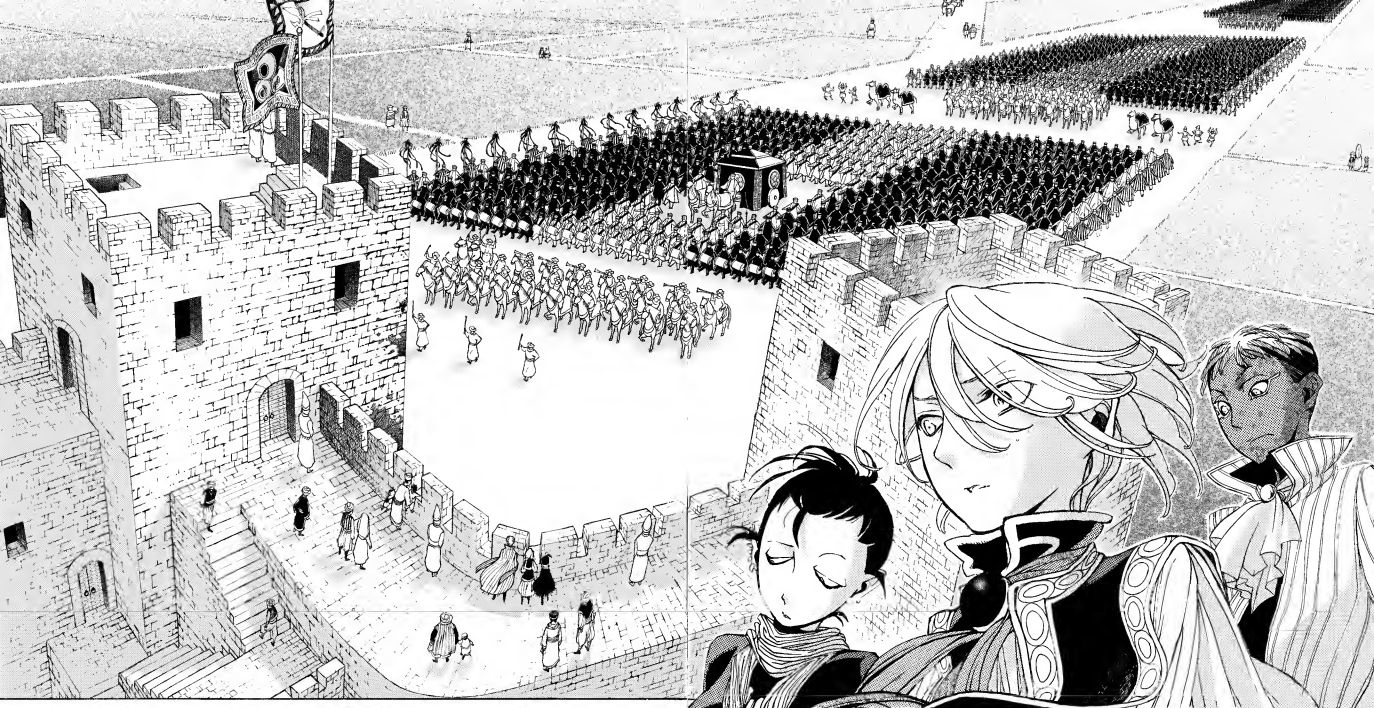


AND
BEFORE
LONG,



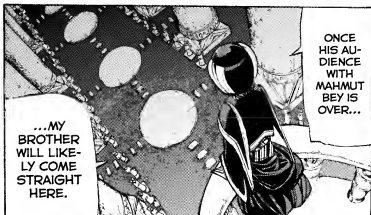
...WILL
ARRIVE
HERE IN
LIMAN.

MY
BROTHER...





10,000
TROOPS?!



...MY
BROTHER
WILL LIKE-
LY COME
STRAIGHT
HERE.

ONCE
HIS AU-
DIENCE
WITH
MAHMUT
BEY IS
OVER...



THAT'S
BROTHER,
ALL RIGHT.
TO GATHER
SO MANY
IN SO
LITTLE
TIME...

VERY
WELL.



ALL
UNITS, BEGIN
PREPARATIONS
IMMEDIATELY!

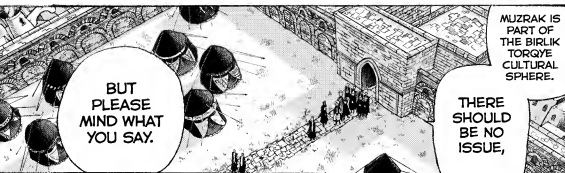
JUST
AS I
ORDERED,





...SEEKS
AN AUDIENCE
WITH ME?

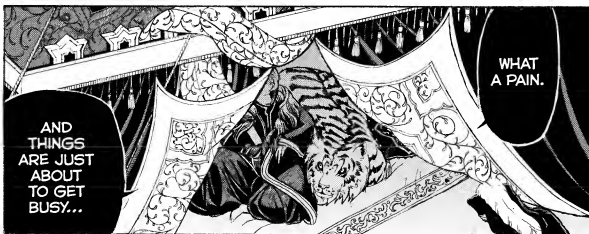
MAHMUT
BEY OF
TORQYE...



BUT
PLEASE
MIND WHAT
YOU SAY.

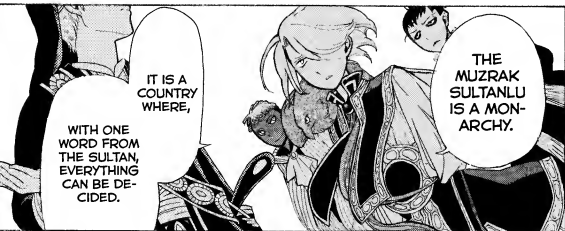
MUZRAK IS
PART OF
THE BIRLIK
TORQYE
CULTURAL
SPHERE.

THERE
SHOULD
BE NO
ISSUE,



AND
THINGS
ARE JUST
ABOUT
TO GET
BUSY...

WHAT
A PAIN.



IT IS A
COUNTRY
WHERE,

WITH ONE
WORD FROM
THE SULTAN,
EVERYTHING
CAN BE DE-
CDED.

THE
MUZRAK
SULTANLU
IS A MON-
ARCHY.



I GUESS
IT'S A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY
TO SIZE UP
TORQYE'S
RUMORED
PASHA.

WELL...



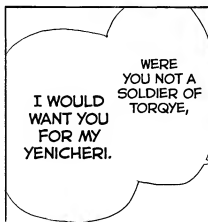
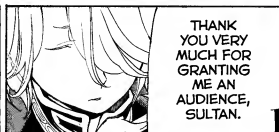
...WHO
KNOWS
WHAT
MIGHT
BECOME
OF US.

IF WE
PROVOKE
THE SULTAN'S
ANGER...



The Muzrak Sultanlu 3rd Generation Sultan

AL-KAPLAN BALABAN
(THE RED TIGER)



QUITE A
PRETTY
FACE YOU
HAVE THERE,
MAHMUT
BEY.



WELL?



YOU
HONOR
ME.

...

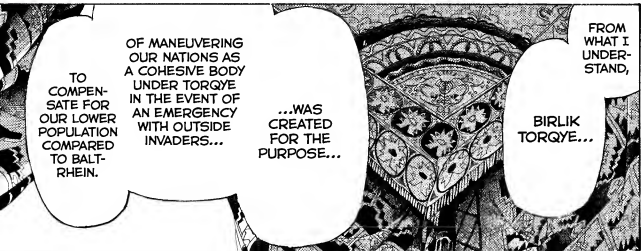


...

...YES.



I TAKE
IT YOU WANT
TO ASK ME
ABOUT THE
BIRLIK TORQYE
DVAN LAST
MONTH.



TO
COMPEN-
SATE FOR
OUR LOWER
POPULATION
COMPARED
TO BALT-
RHEIN.

OF MANEUVERING
OUR NATIONS AS
A COHESIVE BODY
UNDER TORQYE
IN THE EVENT OF
AN EMERGENCY
WITH OUTSIDE
INVADERS...

...WAS
CREATED FOR
THE PURPOSE...

FROM
WHAT I
UNDER-
STAND,

BIRLIK
TORQYE...



WERE
GIVEN THE
RIGHT TO
SELF-
GOVERN-
MENT...

IN
EXCHANGE
FOR TAKING
ON THESE
RESPONSIBIL-
ITIES.

AND
THAT
YOU,

MUZRAK,
BALTA,
BUCHAK,
AND KULUCH,
THE SPEARS,
AXES, KNIVES,
AND SWORDS
OF BIRLIK
TORQYE,



WHY ON
EARTH...

WOULD YOU
SHIRK THAT
RESPONSIB-
ILITY?



DE-
SPITE
THAT,

NOW,
WHEN THE
CALL OF DUTY
MUST BE
ANSWERED
MORE THAN
EVER,



I HIGHLY
DOUBT
NEITHER
TORQYE OR
MUZRAK
WILL MAKE
IT OUT
ALIVE.

IF WE DO
NOT UNITE
UNDER THE
BANNER
OF BIRLIK
TORQYE,

THE
IMPERIAL
ARMY WILL
INVADE.



IF
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
THINK.

THEN
TORQYE SHOULD
ASK FOR OUR
NATION'S CO-
OPERATION IN
A WAY THAT
SHOWS SOME
RESPECT.

ONLY
THEN WILL
MUZRAK
CONSIDER
ANSWERING.



AND
I AM ITS
SULTAN.

MUZRAK IS A
SOVEREIGN
NATION.



...HAS NO
RIGHT TO
GIVE ME
ORDERS.

TORQYE'S
BUYUK*
PASHA...

*BUYUK: GRAND

...



HA,
HA...

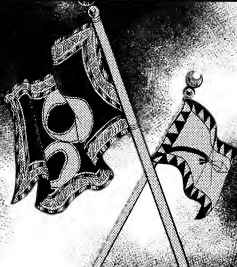
REBELLION?



DO YOU
MEAN TO
INCITE
REBELLION?

IF MUZRAK
AND TORQYE
WERE TO
FIGHT,

THAT
WOULD
ONLY
BE...





ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
MAHMUT
BEY?

...A WAR
BETWEEN
TWO
COUNTRIES.



YOU WERE
DEMOTED
BY TORQYE.



...IF I
ASK YOU
SOME-
THING,
TOO?

DO
YOU
MIND...

...THE
RULING
YOU RE-
CEIVED WAS
JUSTIFIED?

MAHMUT
BEY, DO
YOU TRULY
THINK...

?!


DE-
SPITE
THE
FACT

THAT THE
VICTORY AT
HISAR WAS
BY AND
LARGE...

THANKS
TO YOU.

I DON'T.


...


THE ENDS
JUSTIFY THE
MEANS.


I BELIEVE,

I WOULD
HAVE GIVEN
YOU A CORE
POSITION IN THE GOV-
ERNMENT.


WERE
I THE
BUYUK
PASHA,



ARE
YOU
SURE

YOU
WOULDN'T
LIKE TO
JOIN MY
YENICHERI?

BUT
THANKS
TO THEIR
DECISION,

I WENT
WITHOUT
MISUNDER-
STANDING
MY OWN
ACTIONS.

I WAS
CONFLICTED
AT FIRST.

HON-
ESTLY,

HAVE
YOU NEVER
HARBORED
DOUBT
TOWARD
TORQYE,
EVEN
ONCE?

KEPT ON
A LEASH
WITHOUT
PURPOSE,
DESPITE
BEING SO
TALENTED.

HAVEN'T
YOU EVER
FEARED
THAT THIS
SITUATION
MIGHT
CONTINUE
FOREVER?



AND
PUNISHES
THOSE
DESERVING
OF IT.

MY
COUNTRY
REWARDS
THOSE
WITH
MERIT,



I HOLD
ONLY THE
HIGHEST
LOVE AND
RESPECT
FOR IT.



...



IT SEEMS
WE CAN'T
SEE EYE
TO EYE.







...WILL
BE CUT
DOWN.

ALL
THOSE IN
MUZRAK WHO
WOULD STAND
AGAINST
ME...



...THAT
MEANS
MY OWN
BROTHER.

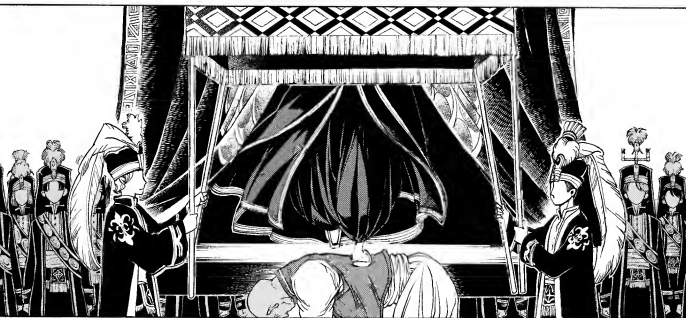
EVEN
IF...



muzrak



balta

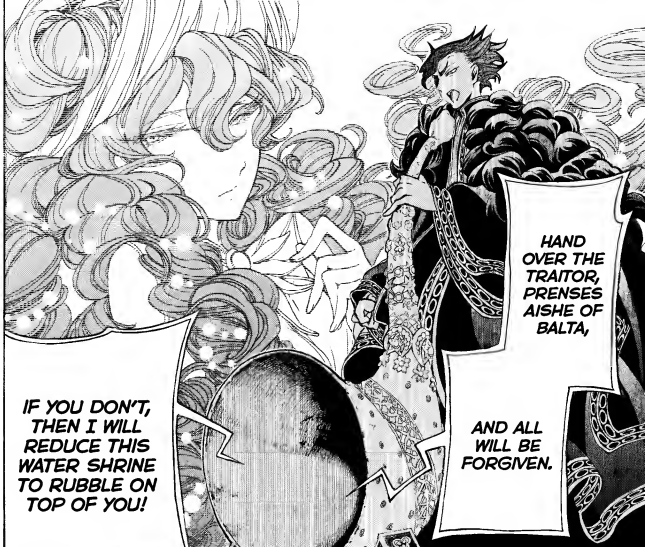




BAYAZIT!

THIS
IS YOUR
FINAL
WARNING!





**HAND
OVER THE
TRAITOR,
PRENSES
AISHE OF
BALTA,**

**AND ALL
WILL BE
FORGIVEN.**

**IF YOU DON'T,
THEN I WILL
REDUCE THIS
WATER SHRINE
TO RUBBLE ON
TOP OF YOU!**

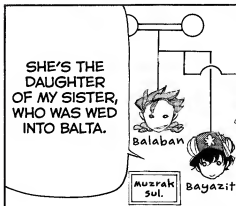


**YOU
KNOW
OF HER?**

OH?



**PRENSES
AISHE IS A
TRATOR...?**





HER PLAN
FAILED, OF
COURSE.



SHE THEN
FLED THE
PALACE...

...AND RAN
CRYING TO
BAYAZIT.

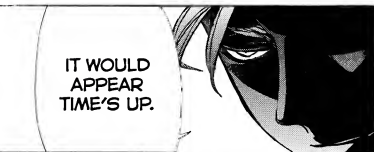


IT WOULD
SEEM
THE DERT
SULTANLUK'S
DECISION TO
OPOSE THE
TRANSITION
TO BIRLIK
TORQYE

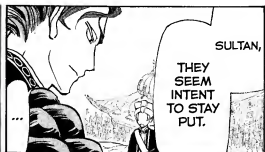
ROUSED
HER RE-
BELLIOUS
SPIRIT.

SHE
LOCKED
HER OWN
MOTHER
IN ONE
OF THE
PALACE'S
ROOMS...

AND
TRIED TO
COMMAND
THE GOV-
ERNMENT
HERSELF.



IT WOULD
APPEAR
TIME'S UP.

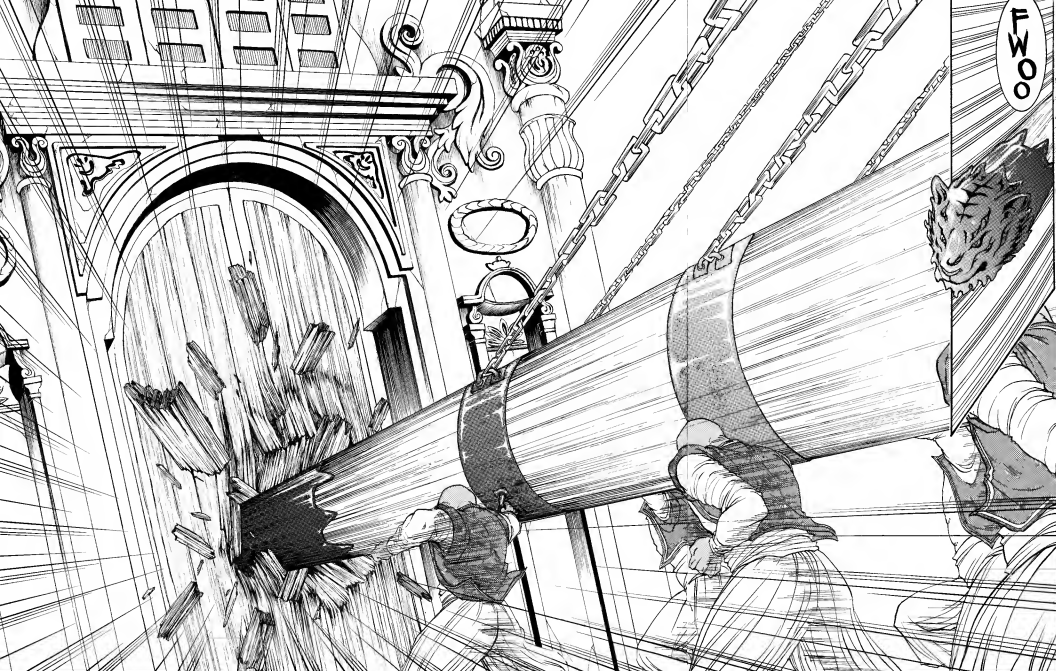


SULTAN,

THEY
SEEM
INTENT
TO STAY
PUT.



SWF



1000

COMMENCE

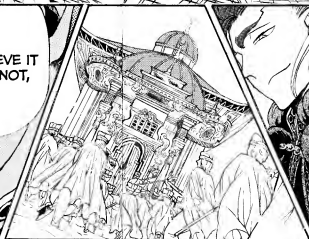
THE
ATTACK!

YET DOWN
TO THE LAST
SECOND, HE
REFUSES TO
SO MUCH AS
ANSWER ME.

I WENT OUT
OF MY WAY
TO CREATE
THIS TOUR
AND SLOWLY
MADE MY
WAY TO
LIMAN,

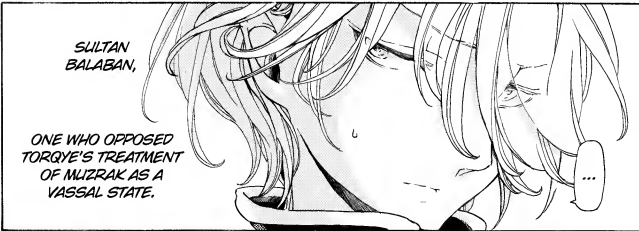
BELIEVE IT
OR NOT,

I GAVE MY
BROTHER
PLENTY OF
TIME AS
IT IS.





WHAT OTHER
CHOICE DO I HAVE
BUT TO DISPOSE
OF BOTH HIM
AND AISHE AS
TRAITORS?



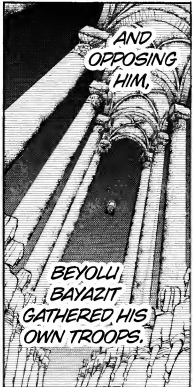
SULTAN
BALABAN,

ONE WHO OPPOSED
TORQYE'S TREATMENT
OF MUZRAK AS A
VASSAL STATE.



THOSE
TWO...

...ARE PRO-
TORQYE.



AND
OPPOSING
HIM,

BEYOLLI
BAYAZIT
GATHERED HIS
OWN TROOPS.



...TO JUST
LET THEM
DIE HERE?

IS IT
REALLY ALL
RIGHT...



...

THE
LINDER-
GROUND
PASSAGE,
HUH...



SULTAN
BALABAN!



THE
PREMISES
ARE COM-
PLETELY
DESERT-
ED!



WHILE YOU
ARE MY
BROTHER,
YOU TRULY
ARE A
COWARD,
BAYAZIT.

ALL HE
DOES IS
RUN WITH
HIS TAIL
BETWEEN
HIS LEGS.

YET
DESPITE
OPPOS-
ING ME,

HE COULD
HAVE RAZED
THE TOWN,
LAUNCHED
AN AMBUSH,
OR DONE SO
ANY NUMBER
OF WAYS.

IF HE
WANT-
ED MY
HEAD,

HAVE YOU
FINISHED
SEALING
OFF THE
PASSAGES?



YOU WILL
BURN IN
THOSE
TUNNELS.

FILL IT
TO THE
DEPTHS
WITH FIRE.



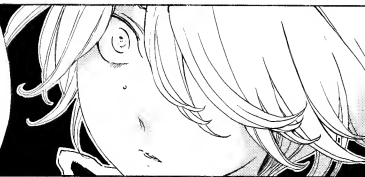


NOW,
THEN,
MAHMUT
BEY.



I CANNOT
PROPERLY
WELCOME A
RARE GUEST
SUCH AS YOU
IN A PLACE
LIKE THIS.

PLEASE,
JOIN ME AT
MY PALACE.





Buyuk Pasha



Sehir Halil Pasha



Tesisatu-Kapu
Saluja Pasha

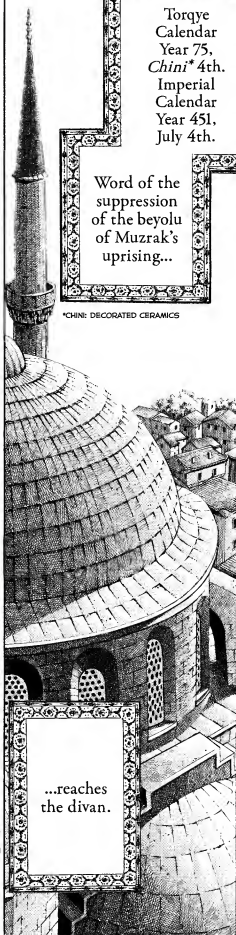


Zehir Zaganos
Pasha

Torqye
Calendar
Year 75,
*Chini** 4th.
Imperial
Calendar
Year 451,
July 4th.

Word of the
suppression
of the beyolu
of Muzrak's
uprising...

*CHINI: DECORATED CERAMICS



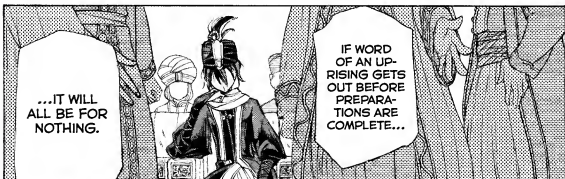
...reaches
the divan.



I SUG-
GEST YOU
MIND YOUR
TONGUE,
SIR!

IT'S A SHAME HE
FAILED TO GIVE
BALABAN THE
JUSTICE HE
DESERVES.

BAYAZIT OF
MUZRRAK,
EH?



...IT WILL
ALL BE FOR
NOTHING.

IF WORD
OF AN UP-
RISING GETS
OUT BEFORE
PREPARA-
TIONS ARE
COMPLETE...



HE WAS A PRO-TORQYE
ENOUGH TO BECOME
ONE OF MY KULAKS.

INDEED...

I'D HOPED TO KEEP HIM
IN A SAFE POSITION AS
ONE OF MY MOST USEFUL
PAWNS AGAINST THE
DEFT SULTANLUK.



HOWEVER,
THIS IS...

BUYUK
PASHA.

THIS
SHOULD
BE TAKEN
AS GOOD
NEWS.



WHAT
SAY...

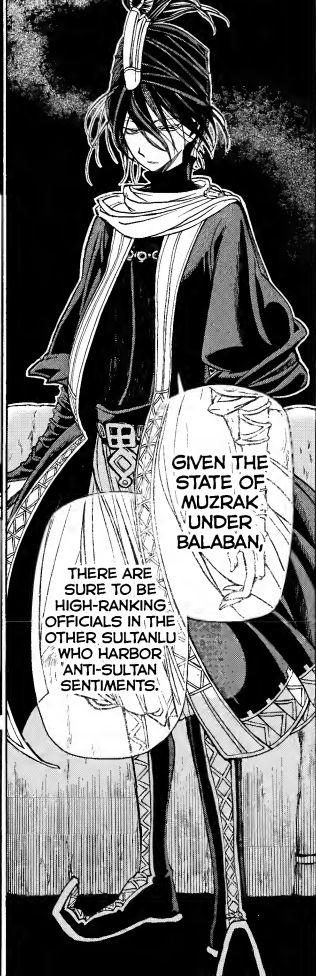
AND
MAKE THEM
OVERTHROW
THE DERT
SULTANLUK
FROM THE
INSIDE OUT?

HAVE
THEM
INCITE
UNREST
ON OUR
BEHALF,

...WE
RALLY
SUCH
OFFICIALS,



OOH,
HOW
SCARY...



GIVEN THE
STATE OF
MUZRAK
UNDER
BALABAN,

THERE ARE
SURE TO BE
HIGH-RANKING
OFFICIALS IN THE
OTHER SULTANLU
WHO HARBOR
ANTI-SULTAN
SENTIMENTS.





THEN
I ASK
YOU,

ARE THERE
ANY OTHER
OPTIONS?



YET
STILL THEY
STRESS...

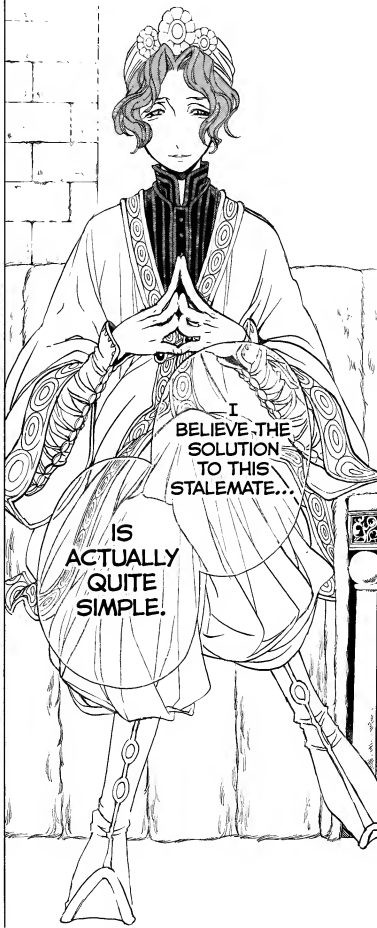
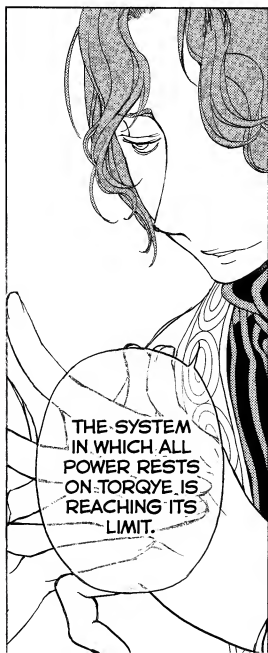
THAT
UNLESS
THEY'RE GIVEN
EQUAL AUTHORITY
AS TORQUE,
THEY WILL NOT
NEGOTIATE.

WE'VE PUT
PLENTY OF
ECONOMIC
PRESSURE
ON THE DERT
SULTANLUK.

IN THIS
LAST
MONTH,

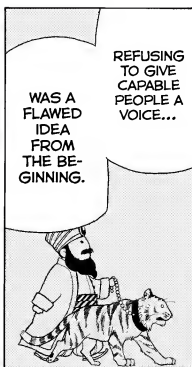


WE DON'T
HAVE TIME
TO CONTINUE
THIS WAR OF
ATTRITION!



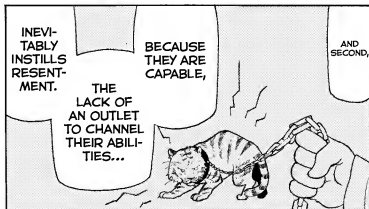


FIRST-
LY,
BY
DOING SO,
WE SQUANDER
THEIR CAPA-
BILITIES.



REFUSING
TO GIVE
CAPABLE
PEOPLE A
VOICE...

WAS A
FLAWED
IDEA
FROM
THE BE-
GINNING.



INEVI-
TABLY
INSTILLS
RESENT-
MENT.

BECAUSE
THEY ARE
CAPABLE,

AND
SECOND,

THE
LACK OF
AN OUTLET
TO CHANNEL
THEIR ABILI-
TIES...

WE
SHOULD
ACCEPT
THEIR
DEMANDS,

AND
CREATE
A NEW
SYSTEM
OF GOV-
ERNMENT

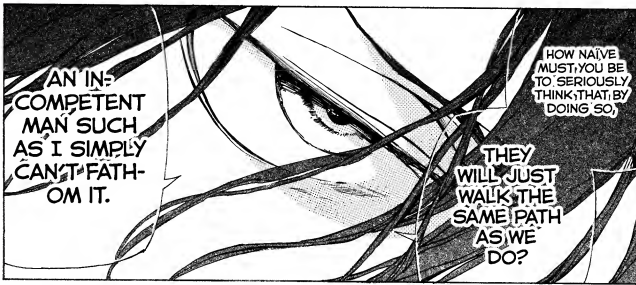
IN WHICH
ALL FIVE OF
OUR NATIONS
HOLD EQUAL
POWER.





YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS.

...



AN IN-
COMPETENT
MAN SUCH
AS I SIMPLY
CAN'T FATH-
OM IT.

HOW NAÏVE
MUST YOU BE
TO SERIOUSLY
THINK THAT, BY
DOING SO,

THEY
WILL JUST
WALK THE
SAME PATH
AS WE
DO?



BIRLIK
TORQYE WILL
COLLAPSE
BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT!

JUST
TRY AND
ADOPT
SUCH A
SYSTEM.



AND
WHAT
GUARAN-
TEE OF
THAT IS
THERE?



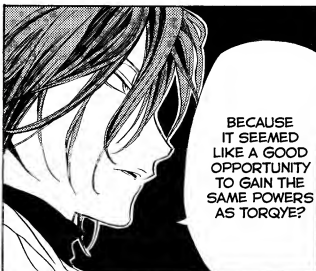
THE
SULTANS
AREN'T
FOOLS.

THEY
FULLY UN-
DERSTAND
THAT OUR
NATIONS
SHOULD
COOPERATE
WITH EACH
OTHER.



THEN WHY DO
THEY REFUSE
TO DO SO NOW?

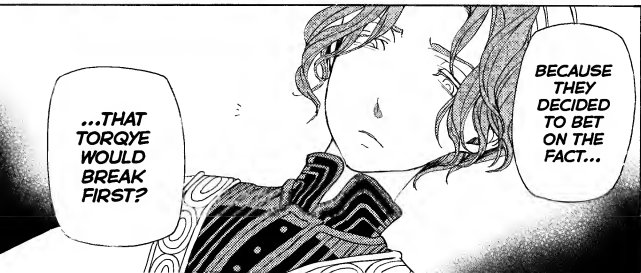
IF THEY
KNOW WE
SHOULD
COOPER-
ATE,



BECAUSE
IT SEEMED
LIKE A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY
TO GAIN THE
SAME POWERS
AS TORQYE?



AS I SAID,
THAT'S
BECAUSE...



...THAT
TORQYE
WOULD
BREAK
FIRST?

BECAUSE
THEY
DECIDED
TO BET
ON THE
FACT...

THEY'RE
CONFIDENT
THAT THEY
CAN MANAGE
ON THEIR
OWN FOR A
WHILE.

EVEN
WITH DIPLO-
MATIC RELA-
TIONS WITH
TORQVE SEVERED,

AND
TORQVE
PRESSUR-
ING THEM
ECONOMI-
CALLY,

IT'S
ONLY WHEN
VICTORY IS
GUARAN-
TEED.

AND
IF THEY
DO,



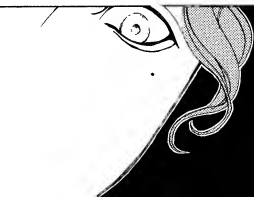
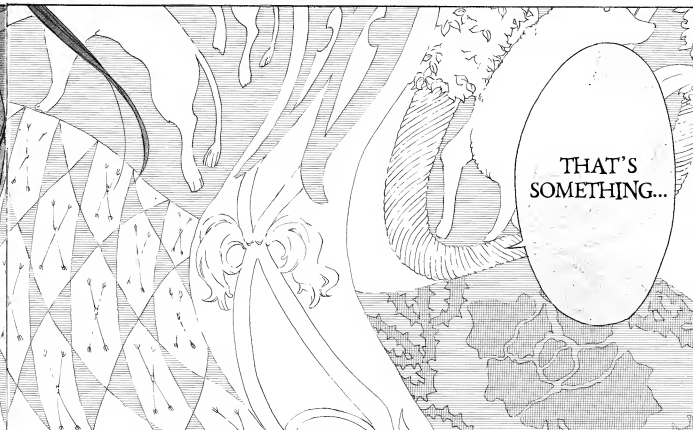
SENSIBLE
NATIONS
DO NOT
GAMBLE.



...THAT COULD
ONLY BE DONE
WITH THE SUPPORT
OF A MAJOR
NATION.



THAT'S
SOMETHING...





BUYUK
PASHA.

I ASK THAT
YOU LEAVE
THIS MATTER
TO ME, ZEHIR
ZAGANOS.

I SWEAR THAT I
WILL SUCCEED IN
OVERTHROWING THE
DERT-SULTANLUK
AS I PREVIOUSLY
SUGGESTED.

SW/F
7

...ZAGANOS
PASHA'S
PROPOSAL
SHALL BE
USED.

TO
DETERMINE
WHETHER
OR NOT...

WE WILL
NOW
HOLD A
BALLOT



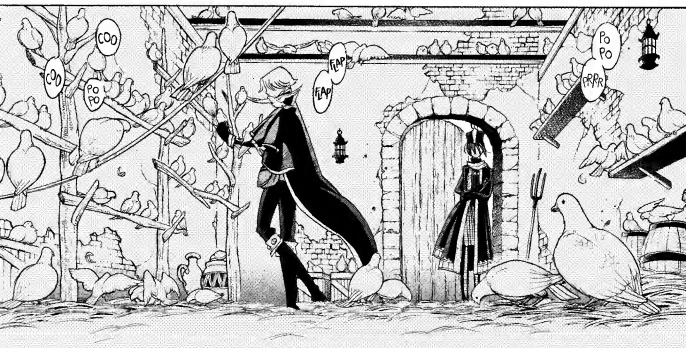
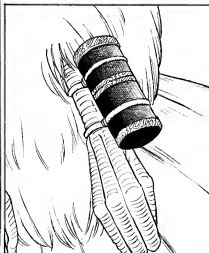
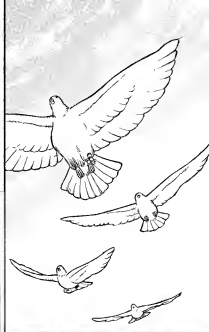
decided that
Torqye would
incite an armed
rebellion in the
Dert Sultanluk
from the
shadows.

the
divan...



Torqye
Calendar
Year 75,
Chini 4th.
Imperial
Calendar
Year 451,
July 4th.

On
this
day,







WOULD YOU
CONSIDER
LENDING HIM
TO ME FOR
A WHILE?



HAVEN'T
HEARD
THAT
NAME IN
A WHILE.

IS HE
DOING
WELL?

HALIL
PASHA.

MAHMUT
BEY IS
CURRENTLY
YOUR SUB-
ORDINATE.



...TO HELP
FAN THE
REBELLION
IN THE DERT
SULTANLUK.

I'D LIKE
TO USE HIS
STRENGTHS...

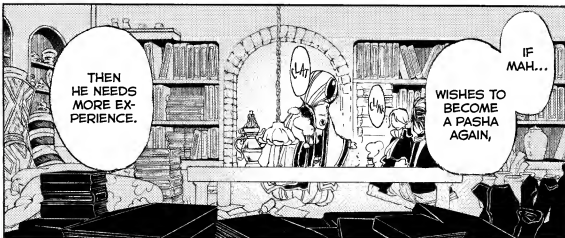


HE'D
NEVER
LEND A
HAND IN
THIS KIND
OF DIRTY
JOB.

THAT
UPTIGHT
GUY?

WHOA,
WHOA.

ARE YOU
SERIOUS,
ZAGANOS
PASHA?





NO MATTER
IF THE JOB
IS DIRTY OR
CLEAN...



HE'S
PERFECT
FOR THIS
KIND OF
JOB.

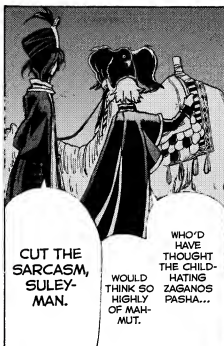
ABSO-
LUTELY.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANT TO GIVE
MAH SUCH AN
IMPORTANT
ROLE?

BUT...



SNOOPING
AROUND
INCIDENTS
ON HIS OWN
IS MAHMUT
BEY'S
SPECIALTY.

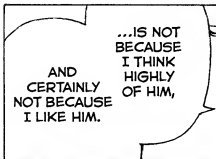


CUT THE
SARCASM,
SULEY-
MAN.

WHO'D
HAVE
THOUGHT
THE CHILD-
HATING
ZAGANOS
PASHA...
WOULD
THINK SO
HIGHLY
OF MAH-
MUT.



I HAVE
TO SAY, I'M
SURPRISED.



AND
CERTAINLY
NOT BECAUSE
I LIKE HIM.

...IS NOT
BECAUSE
I THINK
HIGHLY
OF HIM,



THAT
THE
REASON
I'M USING
MAHMUT
BEY FOR
THIS
JOB...

YOU
KNOW
FULL
WELL





HE'S
INSURANCE.



WITH
MAHMUT
BEY AS THE
INSTIGATOR,
WE'LL HAVE
OUR SCAPE-
GOAT.

IN
THE
OFF
CHANCE

WORD
GETS OUT
THAT TORQYE
IS PULLING
THE STRINGS
BEHIND THE
ARMED
REBELLION,



...HE ALONE
WILL BE
CONDEMNED.

THAT
WAY...



WE'LL
SAY...

THIS WAS
ALL THOUGHT
UP AND CARRIED
OUT BY A SINGLE
TRAVELING
CITIZEN OF
TORGYE.



OH, BOY.
GIVE ME A
BREAK...

...



THIS
IS ONE
JOB...

...WE'LL
HAVE TO
MAKE
SUCCEED,
NO MATTER
WHAT.



GRRH

WOOO

BADOOM

SILAH-TAR,

YES.

WE'RE REALLY
ESCAPING
THROUGH
HERE?





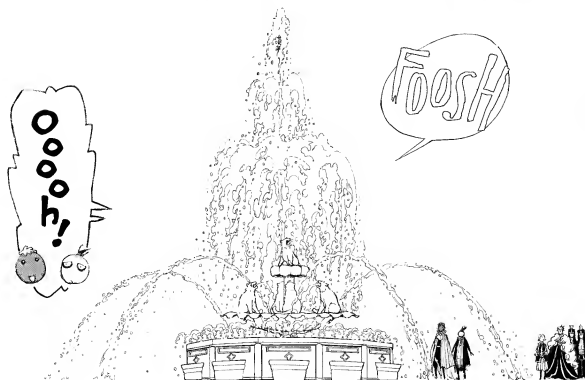
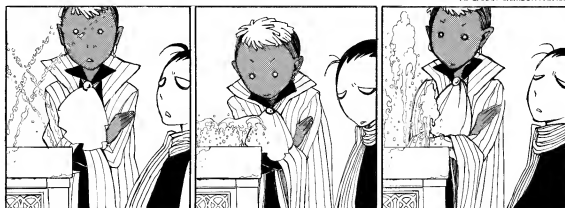
Fasul 23 The Crimson Palace

Torqye
Calendar
Year 75,
Chini
10th.

11 days
since the
attack of
Liman,

THE MUZRAK SULTANLU
CAPITAL OF SHARK, AL-SARAY*

*AL-SARAY: CRIMSON PALACE





I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH SPLENDID TRICK IN ALL MY LIFE.

YES, SULTAN.



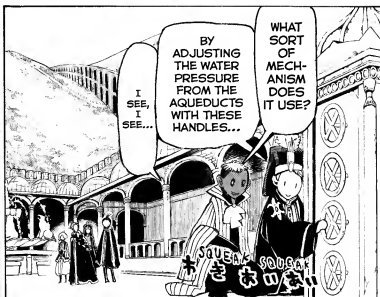
...YOU ENJOY OUR FOUNTAINS SO MUCH.

I'M HAPPY TO SEE...



I HEAR YOU HAVE A LIKING FOR POETRY.

MAH-MUT BEY,



I SEE, I SEE...

BY ADJUSTING THE WATER PRESSURE FROM THE AQUEDUCTS WITH THESE HANDLES...

WHAT SORT OF MECHANISM DOES IT USE?



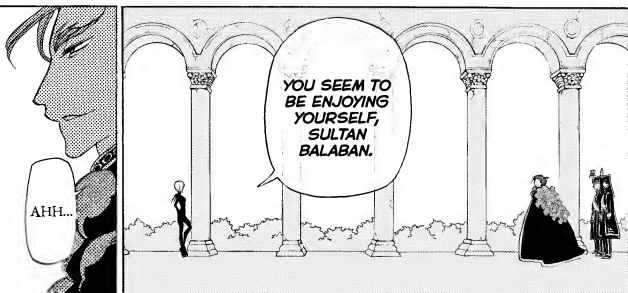
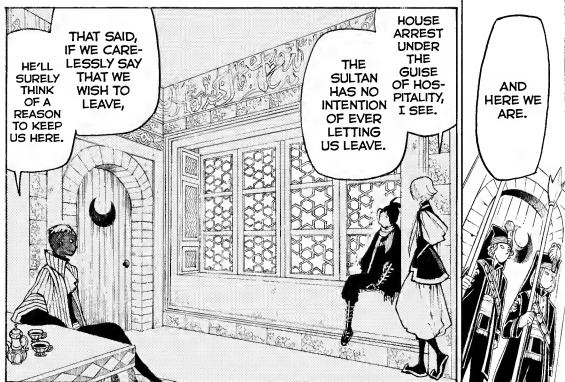
...



I'LL BE SURE...

...TO INVITE YOU TO THE TOPLANTU* NEXT WEEK.

*TOPLANTU: A FORUM. IN THIS CASE FOR POETRY.





IF IT
ISN'T

ELANORE
HANUM.



HMPH...
WOULD
YOU
RATHER
I LET
THEM
WALK
FREELY,
SO THEY
COULD
SNIFF
AROUND
MY LANDS
AS THEY
PLEASE?



I SWEAR,
YOU SURE
ARE CARE-
FREE.

AND JUST
DAYS AGO,
YOUR DEAR
BROTHER
STARTED A
REVOLT...



MIGHT
I ASK
WHAT
IT IS
YOU'RE
THINK-
ING,
INVITING
MAHMUT
BEY INTO
THE PAL-
ACE?



RE-
QUIRES
A PRETTY
FACE TO
JOIN?

WHAT
KIND OF
ELITE
CORPS...

IT'S
BEYOND
ME,
REALLY.



MIGHT
IT BE THAT
YOU JUST
WHAT TO
KEEP A BOY
LIKE HIM
CLOSE BY?

SOUNDS
LIKE AN
EXCUSE
TO ME.



IT IS THE
FACE THAT
MATTERS
MOST.

ELEA-
NORE
HANUM,



...THE
PEOPLE
KNOW
THEIR
COUN-
TRY'S
RULERS...

IS
THROUGH
APPEAR-
ANCE.

THE
ONLY
WAY...

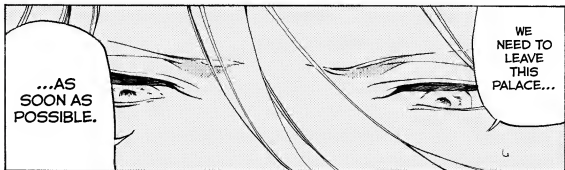
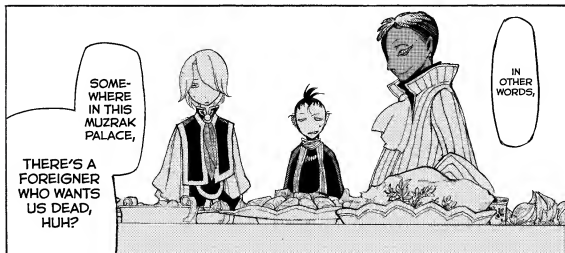


FROM
THE DAY
THEY'RE
BORN,
UNTIL THE
DAY THEY
DIE,

NEVER
HAVE THE
CHANCE TO
SPEAK TO
ME OR MY
SOLDIERS.

THE
MAJOR-
ITY OF
CITIZENS
IN THIS
COUNTRY,







GO-

GOOD
GOD!



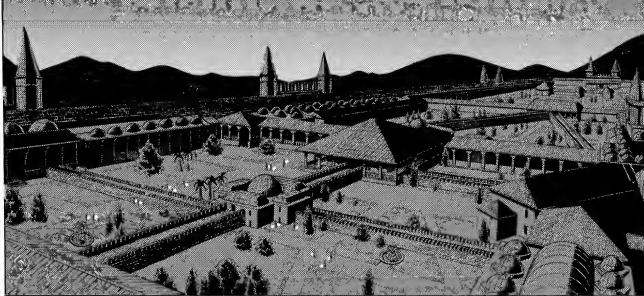
ISA
HEK-
IM!

THE
SPASMS
WON'T
STOP!

CARRY
THEM,
QUICK-
LY!

*ISA HEKI: DOCTOR





How's my
makeup?

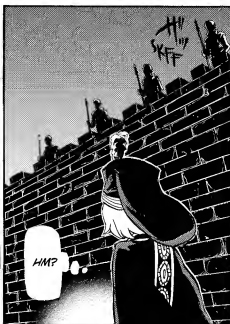
IF WE
MAKE IT
THERE,
WE CAN
ESCAPE.

STAY
CALM
AND WALK
LIKE THE
YENICHERI
DO.

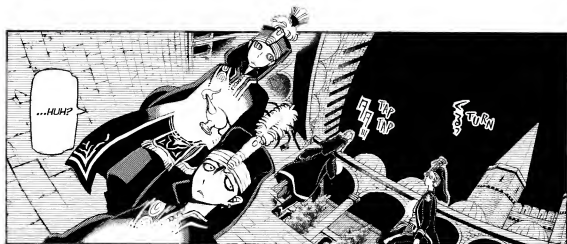
ALL
PALACES IN
BIRLIK TORQYE
ARE BUILT WITH A
SEWER PLACED
AT THE NORTH-
ERN GATE.



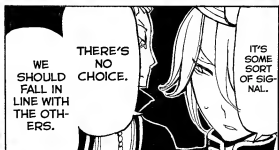
*OYUN: GAME







ARE
YOU
CRAZY,
ABIRI-
GA?!



WE
SHOULD
FALL IN
LINE WITH
THE OTH-
ERS.

IT'S
SOME
SORT
OF SIG-
NAL.



**SEIZE
HIM.**



?!

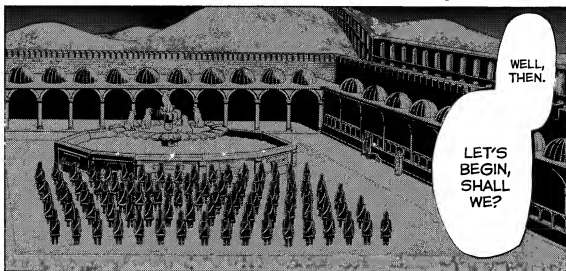
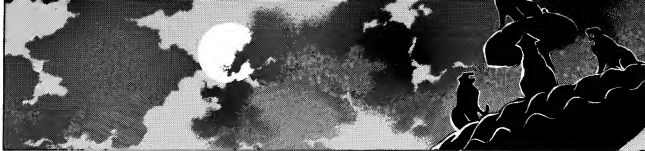


THIS
WAY,
QUICK-
LY!

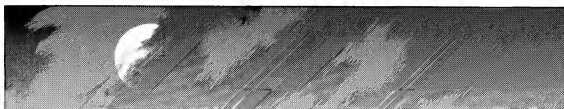
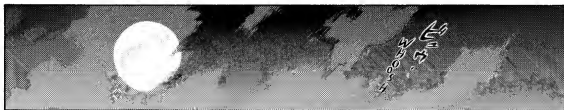
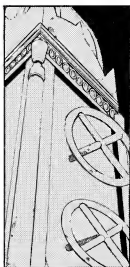
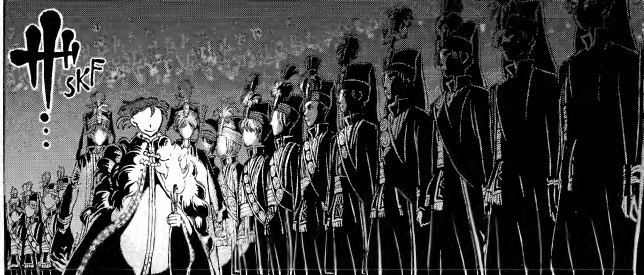
WE SHOULD
MAKE FOR
THE SEWER
WHILE WE
STILL CAN!

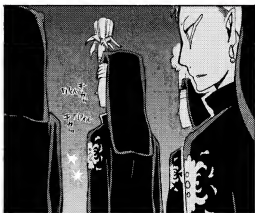






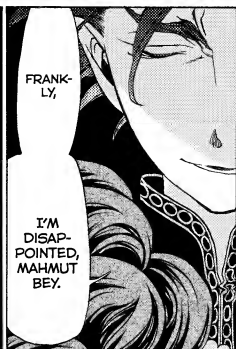
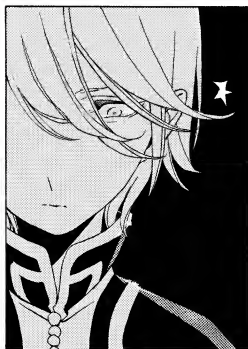


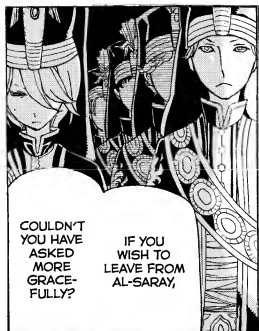






UNDERSTOOD,
KIROS.





COULDN'T
YOU HAVE
ASKED
MORE
GRACE-
FULLY?

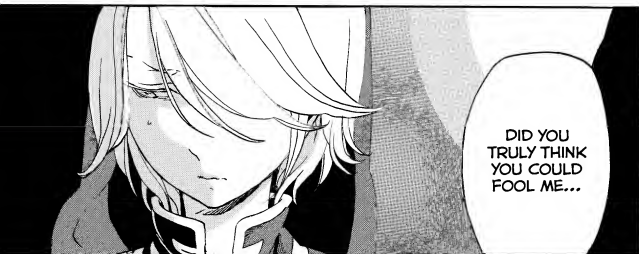
IF YOU
WISH TO
LEAVE FROM
AL-SARAY,

HOW-
EVER,

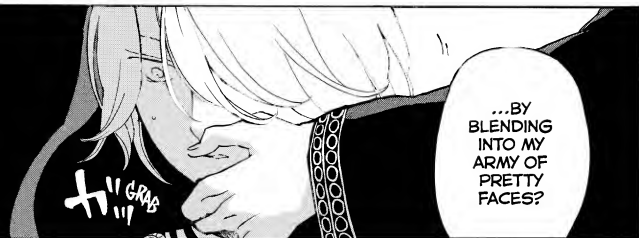


IF MY
MUZRAK
HOSPITAL-
ITY WASN'T
TO YOUR
LIKING,

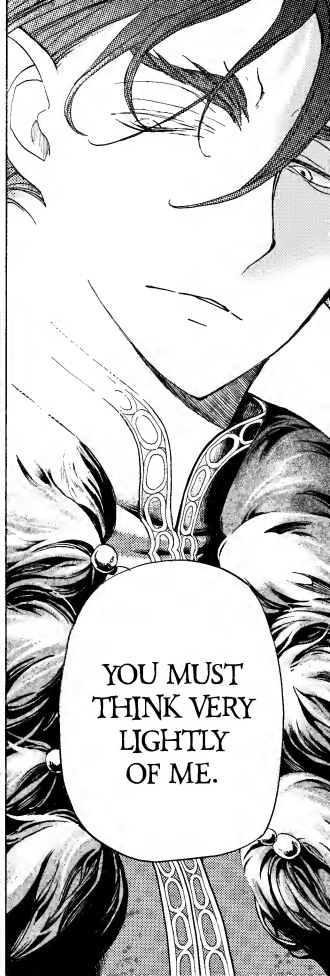
I SUP-
POSE IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED...



DID YOU
TRULY THINK
YOU COULD
FOOL ME...



...BY
BLENDING
INTO MY
ARMY OF
PRETTY
FACES?



YOU MUST
THINK VERY
LIGHTLY
OF ME.



HAD
YOU JUST
ACCEPTED
MY HOSPI-
TALITY,

THEN
YOUR
SAFETY
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
GUARAN-
TEED.

THAT WAS
A FOOLISH
DECISION.



P...

PLEASE
LISTEN,
SULTAN
BALABAN!

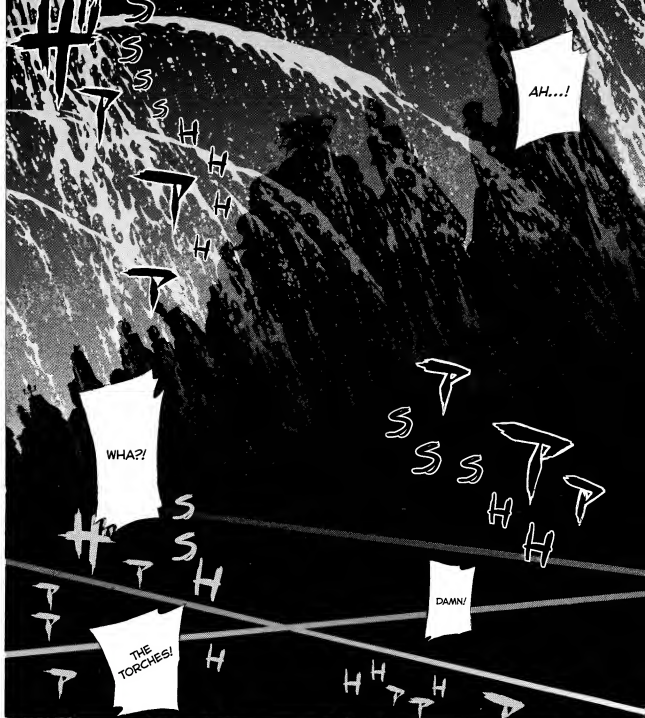
GRAB

SEIZE
HIM.

P-

PLEASE
WAIT,
SUL-
TAN...







I
CAN
SEE
CLEAR
AS DAY.

LEAVE IT
TO ME,
KIROS.

IT'S UP
TO YOU,
ABIRIGA!

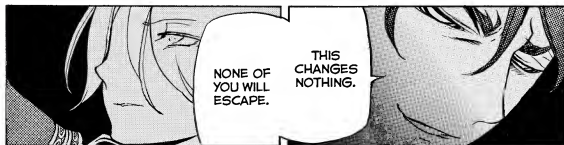


**DON'T
PANIC!**

**YENI-
CHERI
AGA*,
RETRIEVE
FRESH
TORCHES!**

**NOBODY
ELSE
MOVE!**

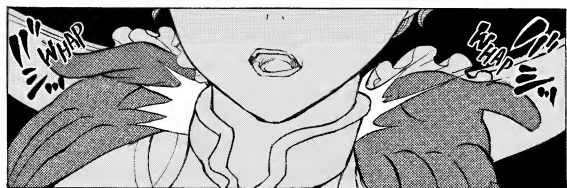
*AGA: CHIEF OFFICER

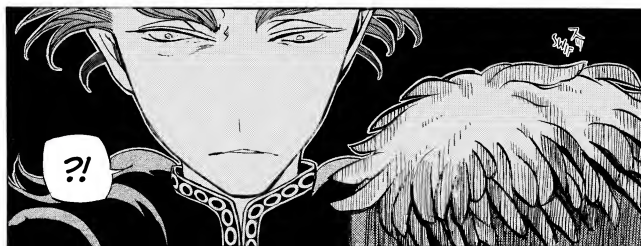
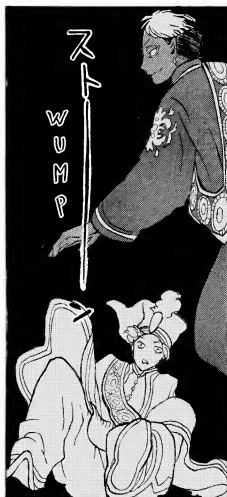


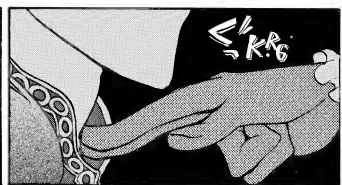
**NONE OF
YOU WILL
ESCAPE.**

**THIS
CHANGES
NOTHING.**

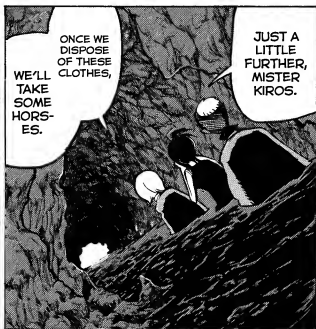














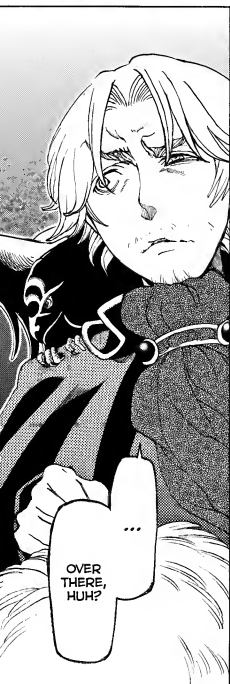
THIS IS
WHY THAT
SULTAN
IS TOO
SOFT.

YOU
SEE?

RED...

ORM...

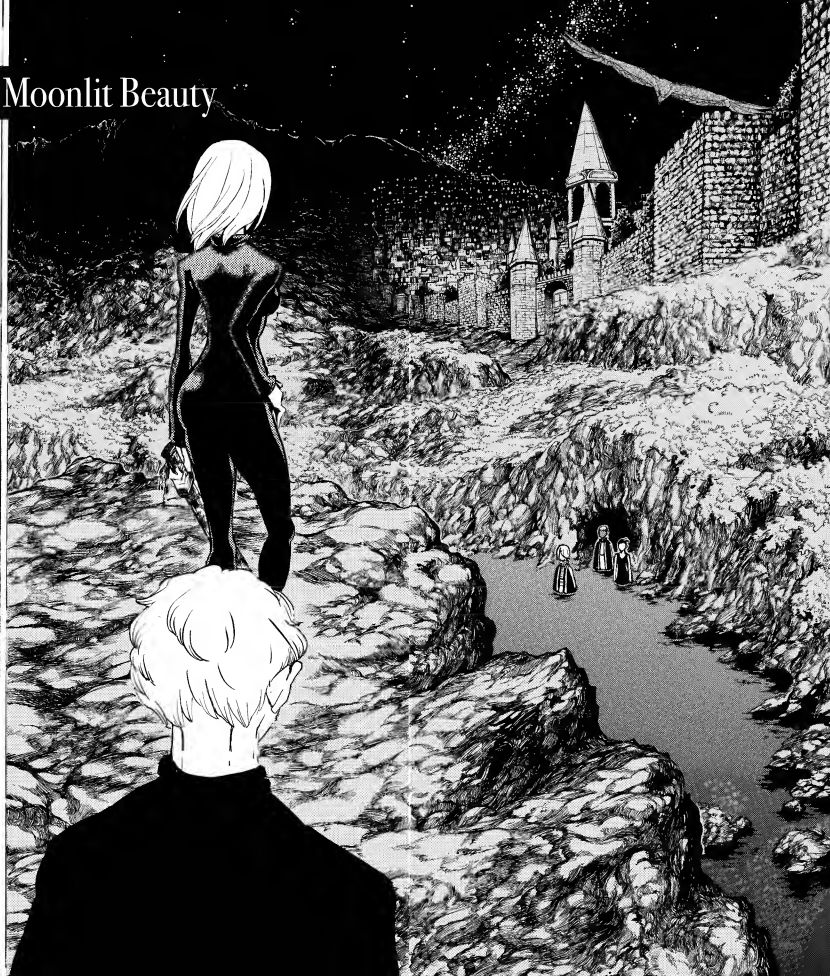
...!



Fasu124 Dance of the Moonlit Beauty



RED
ORM...!



OH,
HOW
I'VE
MISSED
YOU,

EAGLE
BOY.





MY,
HOW
DELIGHT-
FUL.



WE'RE
IN A
HURRY.

IF YOU
INSIST ON
BLOCKING
OUR PATH,
THEN WE
WON'T SHOW
MERCY.



THEN
THAT
MEANS...



...YOU
AND
I...

...WITH-
OUT
RESER-
VATION!

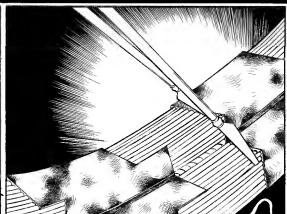
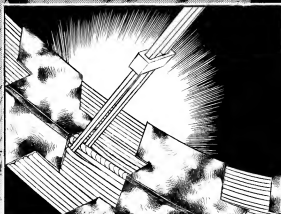
...CAN
TEAR
EACH
OTHER
TO PIEC-
ES...

FWOOSH

WHA?!

MIS-
TER
KIR-

HUH?



I,
ABIRIGA,

WILL
COVER
MAHMUT
BEY'S
WEAK
POINTS.

WITH AN
INJURED
ALLY
BEHIND
HIM,

HE CAN
HARDLY
FIGHT
WITHOUT
RESERVA-
TION.

SO,
DON'T
MIND
US...

WHAT
WAS
THAT?!

WHO'RE
YOU
CALLIN'
A WEAK
POINT?!



MY
THANKS!

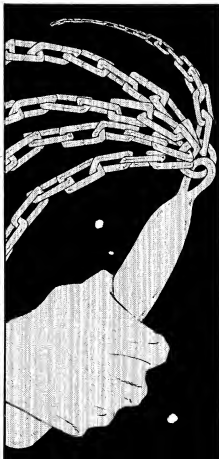


PA-
DRONE.

...AND
FIGHT
FREELY.



KUH...





FEEL
FREE
TO
CHOOSE
ANY ONE
YOU LIKE.



WHICH
WOULD
YOU PRE-
FER TO
DIE BY?

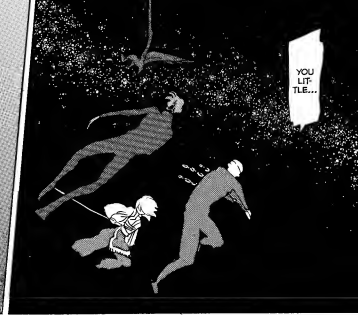
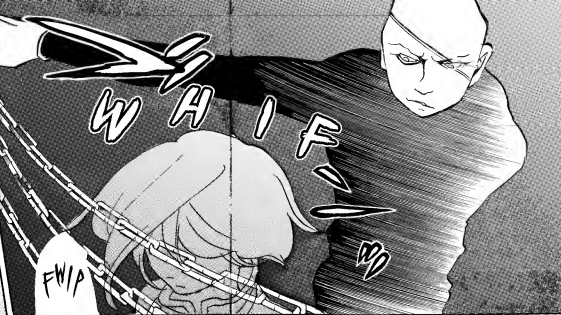


WE'VE
PRE-
PARED ALL
SORTS OF
WEAPONS.

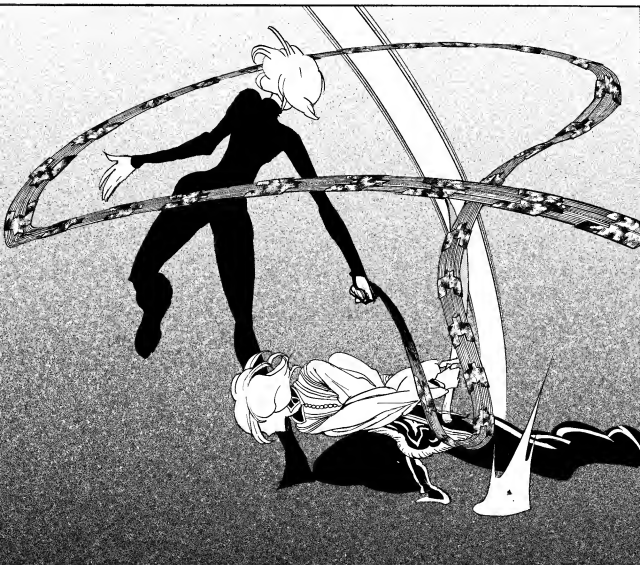
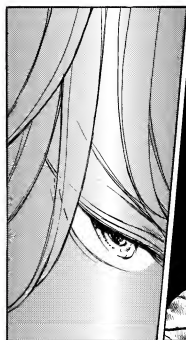














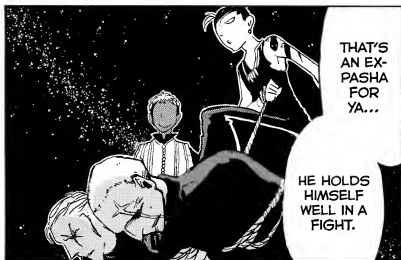
...I WON'T
FALL FOR THE SAME
TRICK
TWICE.

NO
MATTER WHAT
EXCEPTIONAL
WEAPONS
YOU USE...



HUH...?











MISTER
KIROS/
MISTER
ABIRIGA!

DA
SH
GO!



...FOR
THE
REST
OF
YOUR
LIFE.

STU-
PID
BOY...

YOU'LL
REGRET
NOT FIN-
ISHING
ME OFF...



HURRY!
WE HAVE
TO RUN
ALONG
THE
CLIFFS!

DAMN IT
ALL! DON'T
THEY KNOW
WHEN TO
QUIT?!

PA-
DRONE!



WE
WON'T
BE ABLE
TO ES-
CAPE
IF THEY
CATCH
US!

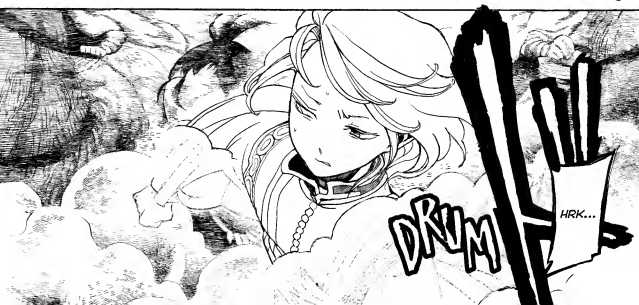


...IS
MUZRAK'S
ELITE
CAVALRY.

THAT...



ISKANDAR,
AWAY!





HEY,
THERE!

YOU'RE
ALL
LOOKIN'
WELL!

?!

GRAB ON,
BROTHERS!

Ah!

Huh?!

Wha...









I MET
SULTAN
BALABAN...



...AND
NOW I
UNDER-
STAND.



...TORQYE
IS DOOMED
TO CRUMBLE.

AS LONG
AS HE SITS
ON THE
THRONE...



THEN, THAT
MAKES
THINGS
QUICK.

IF, YOU
GET, THAT
MUCH,



THE
DIVAN
HAS DE-
CIDED...

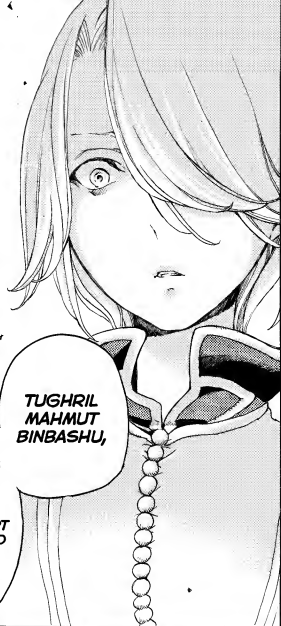
TO
INCITE
AN ARMED
REBELLION
WITHIN
THE DERT
SULTAN-
LUK FROM
THE SHAD-
OWS,

AND
FORCE THE
CURRENT
SULTANS OF
MUZRAK,
BALTA,
BUCHAK,
AND
KULUCH...

TO
ABDICATE.



LET ME
GIVE YOU THE
ORDERS OF
THE DIVAN.



**TUGHRIL
MAHMUT
BINBASHU,**

**YOUR ORDERS
ARE TO RALLY
ANTI-SULTAN
SENTIMENT
WITHIN THE DERT
SULTANLUK AND
COMMAND
THE ARMED
REBELLION.**



...



**DOESN'T
THAT
MEAN
THAT
IF THIS
PLAN
FAILS...**

**...ALL THE
BLAME
WILL BE
PINNED ON
MAHMUT
BEY?**



**HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE,
SULEY-
MAN
BEY.**

**THE
LEADER
OF A
RE-
VOLT...**





HE'S
THE
TYPE
OF
MAN...

THERE IS
NO OTHER
WAY...

IN ORDER
FOR BIRLIK
TORQYE TO
STAND UNITED
AGAIN,

...WHO WILL
NEVER GIVE
UP ON HIS OWN
AMBITIONS AS
LONG AS HE
LIVES.

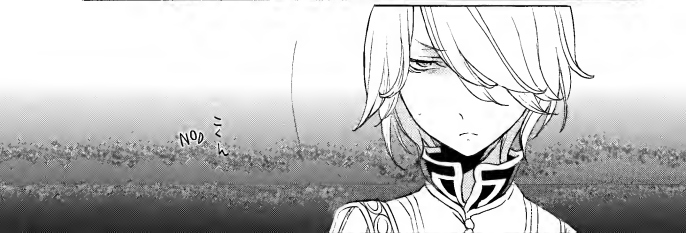


THIS IS
WHAT I
HAD IN
MIND
FROM
THE BE-
GINNING.

120
FWIP



...



NOD
11/13



MINISTER
VIRGILIO
LOUIS...



...TO
PLANT SUCH
DELUSIONS
IN SULTAN
BALABAN'S
HEAD.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
METHODS
YOU USED...

BUT
IT IS HIGH
TIME...

...FOR
YOU TO
WAKE
UP!

I, TUGHRIL
MAHMUT...

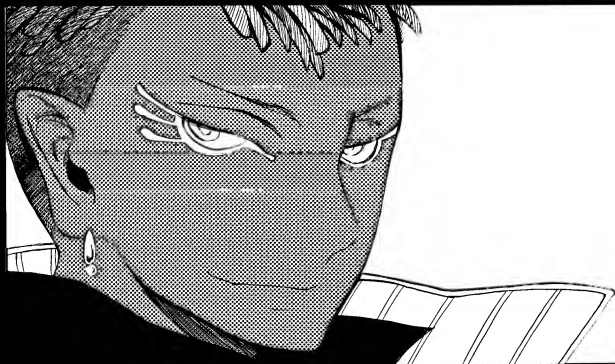
...HUMBLY
ACCEPT
THE DUTIES
BESTOWED
UPON ME BY
THE DIVAN.



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AND YOU!!**



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Glossary of Terms

Aga	Chief officer
Al-Saray	Crimson palace
Beyolu	Second prince
Binbashu	Major
Buyuk Pasha	Great General
Divan	The council of generals
Eski	Former
Eyalet	Province
Hanum	Lady
Hekim	Doctor
Idareci	Administrator
Kolagasu	Senior Captain
Kubbe altu	Council hall
Nefer	Private
Oyun	Game
Pasha	General
Prenses	Princess
Rod Orm	A cult currently working for Minister Louis, which employs the use of a number of crude metal weapons. The original term, "Rod Orm," also means "Red Snake" in Swedish.
Shurta	Elite police force
Toplantu	A forum for poetry and other arts
Vali	Provincial Governor
Vezir	Vizier
Yenicheri	Elite soldiers who act as the sultan's personal guard.
Yuzbashu	Captain
Zira	1 zira ≈ 2.25 feet

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